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UNIMPORTANT:

THIS PAGE IS HERE BECAUSE A) I DON'T HAVE A PROPER PAGE 2, AND B) SO THAT YOU WON'T SKIP THE CREDITS PAGE LIKE YOU USUALLY DO. ALSO, THE MORE SHADY ONLINE MANGA HOSTING SITES MIGHT BE LESS LIKELY TO TAKE IT OUT.

ANYWAY.

SERIES INFO:

THIS IS "GP" TAKAHASHI HIROSHI DID THIS 8 VOLUME SERIES (+1 GAIDEN) AFTER HE FINISHED *CROWS* BUT BEFORE HE STARTED *WORST*. DESPITE HAVING PRETTY MUCH NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER SERIES, GP DOES IN FACT TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME UNIVERSE.

THE CHARACTERS IN THIS SERIES ARE SLIGHTLY OLDER THAN IN *CROWS/WORST*, HAVING ALREADY GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. BUT SEVERAL VOLUMES TAKE PLACE IN A FLASHBACK ABOUT GP'S SCHOOL LIFE, SO IT STILL RETAINS MUCH OF THE SAME ATMOSPHERE SHARED BY THE SUZURAN-VERSE SERIES.

CREDITS:

I, **BANCHOU**, AM TRANSLATING AND EDITING THIS SERIES ON MY OWN AS A LITTLE SIDE PROJECT FROM *WORST*. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FINISH IT WITHIN MY SUMMER VACATION, BUT I'M NOT MAKING ANY GUARANTEES.

ALSO, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ *WORST* (WHICH I THINK WILL BE MOST OF YOU) MIGHT NOTICE THAT THE PAGE QUALITY IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARLY *WORST* SCANS, WHICH IS TO SAY, KINDA GOOD BUT NOT REALLY. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME REALLY AWFUL PAGES AND PANELS STREWN THROUGHOUT ALL THE VOLUMES, AND WITH MY MEAGER EDITING SKILLS I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER IMPROVING MOST OF THEM. JUST A WORD OF WARNING.

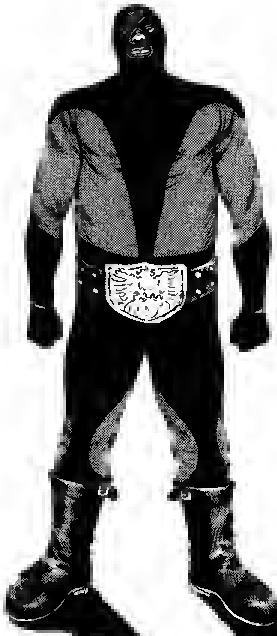
CONTACT INFORMATION:

TO DISCUSS GP AND ALSO *CROWS* AND *WORST* (AND BE THE FIRST TO GET NEW RELEASES OF ALL THESE SERIES, GO TO HTTP://CROWSXWORST.COM/

BUT FIRST OF ALL, JUST GO AND READ THIS FIRST CHAPTER OF GP!

PS. I DON'T KNOW JACK ABOUT KAMEN RIDER, SO IF I FUCKED UP THE TRANSLATIONS OF THE MANY REFERENCES TO IT AT SUIT, SO BE IT.

PPS. IF SOMEONE ELSE ALREADY DID SOMETHING VAGUELY RESEMBLING A TRANSLATION OF THE FIRST CHAPTER A WHILE BACK, I KNOW.



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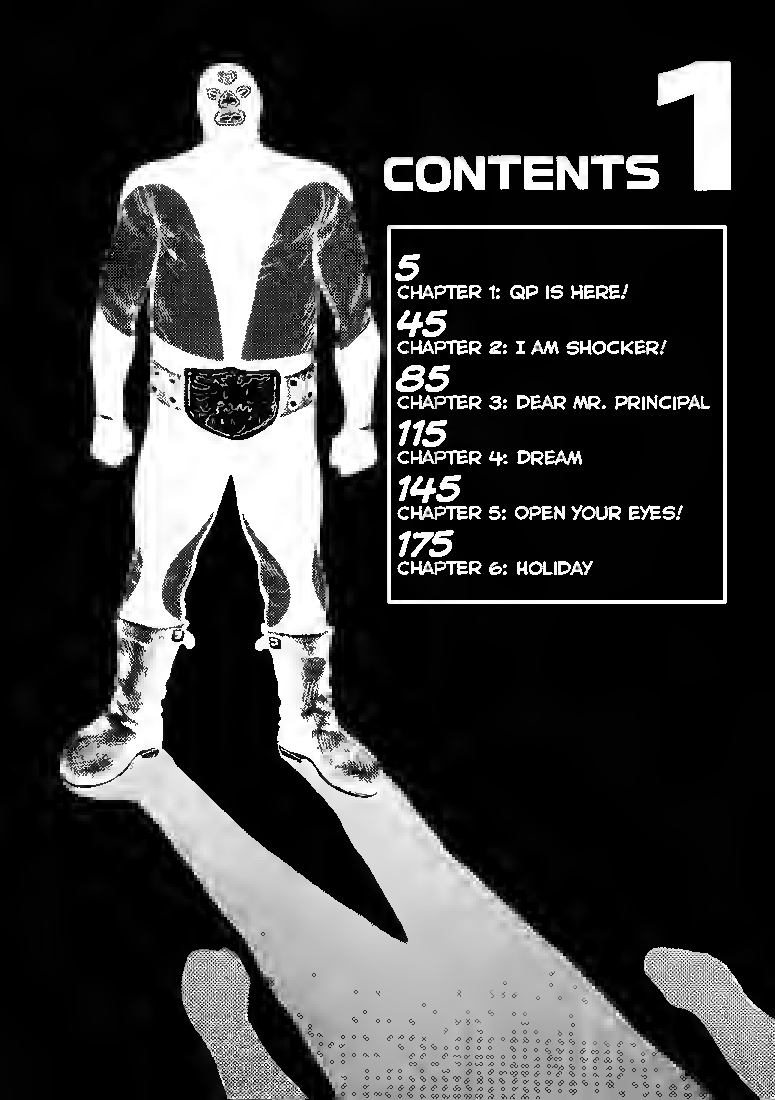

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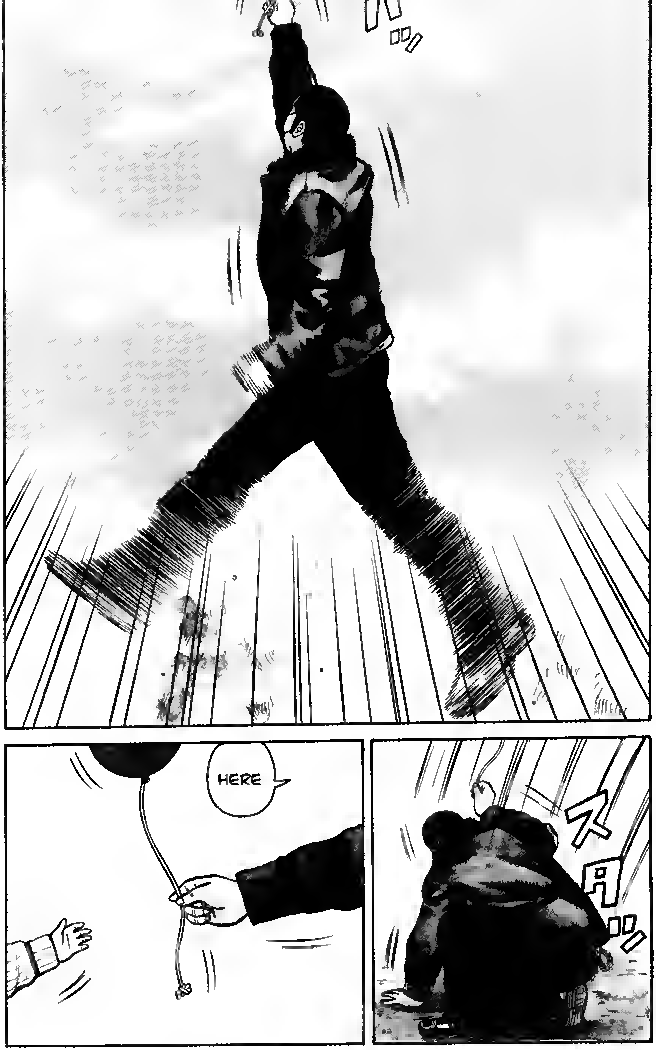
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CHAPTER 1:
QP IS HERE!

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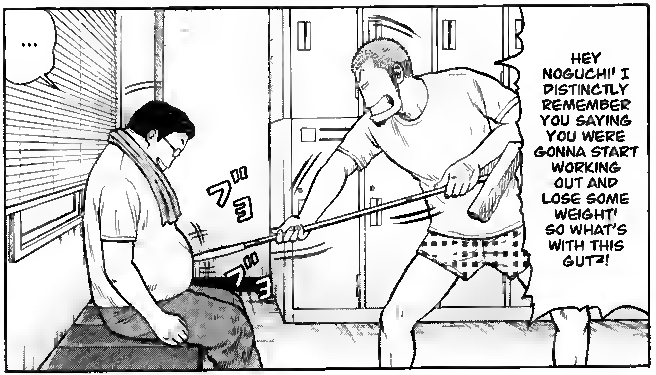
WEL-
COME!
ANOTHER
NEWBIE?
NO
WAY!

ALREADY BEEN HERE THREE DAYS.
YEAH, WHEN YOU WERE ON VACATION.
IT'S A GUY!
A GIRL?
IT'S A GUY!
A GIRL, RIGHT?
IT'S A GUY!
SO, A GIRL, HUH?

IT'S A GUY!
A GI--
UGH
NOT TO MENTION
FOR THE LOVE OF... ANOTHER GUY? EVERY STATION IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE CUTE GIRL!
SO WHY THE HELL DO WE ONLY HAVE GUYS AT OUR PLACE?! FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, THE LAST GUY WAS EVEN GAY!
HAHA HA...
THIS SWEATY PIG!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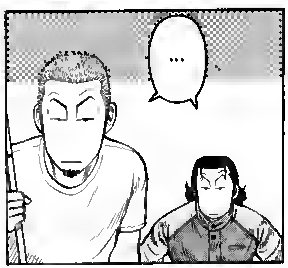
HEY NOGUCHI! I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER YOU SAYING YOU WERE GONNA START WORKING OUT AND LOSE SOME WEIGHT! SO WHAT'S WITH THIS GUT?!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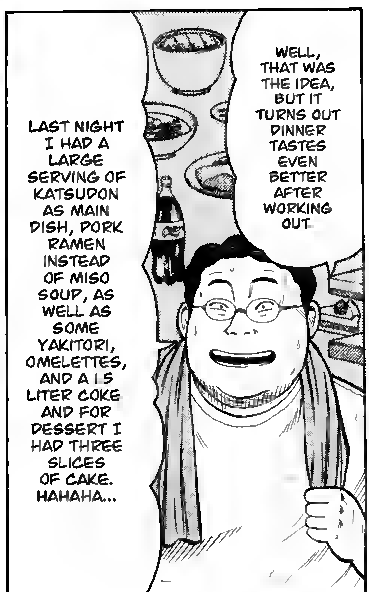
WIPE OFF THAT SWEAT...
OH! HA HAHA...


LAST NIGHT I HAD A LARGE SERVING OF KATSUDON AS MAIN DISH, PORK RAMEN INSTEAD OF MISO SOUP, AS WELL AS SOME YAKITORI, OMELETTES, AND A 1.5 LITER COKE AND FOR DESSERT I HAD THREE SLICES OF CAKE. HAHAHA...
WELL, THAT WAS THE IDEA, BUT IT TURNS OUT DINNER TASTES EVEN BETTER AFTER WORKING OUT.

ISHIDA KOTORI.
SO, WHAT'S THE NAME OF OUR THREE DAY OLD NEW RECRUIT?
HE'S ON HIS BREAK RIGHT NOW. I'M GUESSING HE'S SMOKING OUT BACK
WHAT? KOTORI? I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS A GUY? WHAT'S WITH THAT WIMPY NAME. WHERE IS HE ANYWAY?
Kotori means "small bird."
I'M SECOND IN COMMAND HERE AT THIS STATION. THE NAME'S YAMA-OKA KINSHI--
HELLO? ANYBODY HOME?
ALL FIGHT AS HIS SUPERIOR, I SHOULD PROBABLY PUNCH HIM ONCE OR SOMETHING. YOU GOTTA SET PEOPLE STRAIGHT WHEN THEY'RE JUST STARTING OUT
AH, KINSHI-ROU-SAN, HOLD UP

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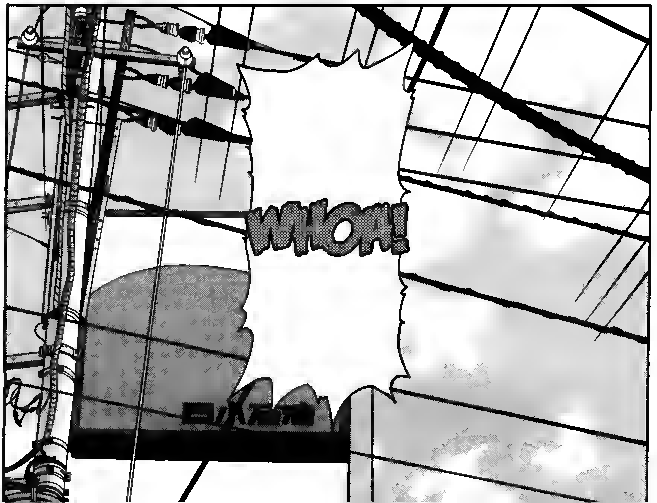
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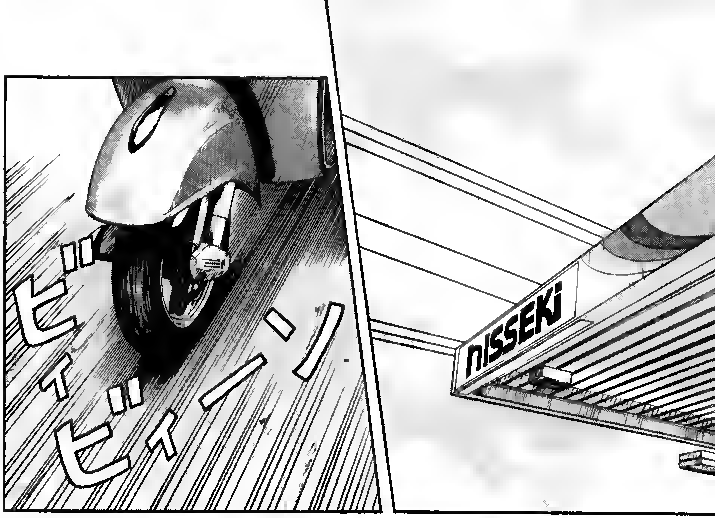
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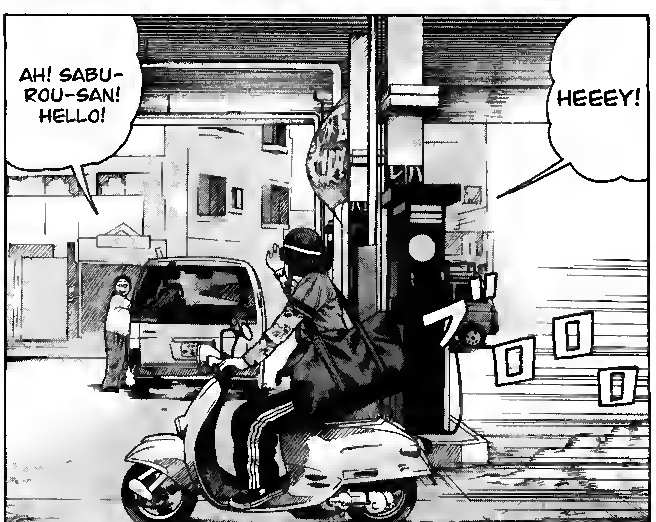
AH! SABU-ROU-SAN! HELLO!
HEEEY!

HEY! TOHRU!
HELLO! IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
I KNOW, RIGHT? NOW YOU KNOW WHY I PICKED THAT ONE OUT OF THE BUNCH!
THAT VIDEO I BORROWED FROM YOU LAST TIME, HOLY CRAP! I LOST A LOT OF SLEEP OVER THAT! KEKEKE
OVER THERE
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S KINSHI-ROU?
I'LL BE BACK FOR MORE!
ANYTIME! YOU SURE HAVE GROWN FOND OF THEM, HUH?
Service Room

WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST HAD A HALEY JOEL MOMENT
SCREW YOU, YOU ASSHOLE. WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR ANYWAY?
I FINALLY FINISHED THAT COSTUME I'M HERE TO DELIVER IT
"THAT COS-TUME"?
COME AGAIN?
DUMBASS. DIDN'T I TELL YOU?! THERE'S A COSTUME CONVENTION AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.
THE THEME THEY DECIDED ON WAS KAMEN RIDER!

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WE'RE SHOCKER SOLDIERS?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
TAKE A LOOK THESE ONES ARE YOURS
I'M SPIDER MAN!
SO WHO'S RIDER?!
TURBO, THE DRY CLEANER
IT WAS DECIDED BY THE LOTTERY THAT YOU MADE! JACKASS!
SO TURBO'S RIDER, YOU'RE SPIDER MAN AND WE'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO SAY
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TO THAT?

HUH? NO WAY!
AH, THAT GAY DUDE HAS ALREADY QUIT
THERE ARE FOUR SUITS IN HERE. ONE FOR YOU, TOHRU, NOGUCHI AND THE GAY GUY.
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HMM?
THAT GUY...
HIS REPLACEMENT'S OVER THERE
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EEK...!

KO--
KOTORI!
SABU, YOU KNOW HIM?
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ARE YOU NUTS? OF COURSE I KNOW HIM! HE'S FUCKING OP!
TH--
THAT'S ISHIDA KOTORI!

HE ATTACKED OUR SCHOOL ONCE! HE ANNIHILATED TSUGAWA-SAN AND EVERY OTHER SENIOR THAT WAS IN THE GYM-NASIUM AT THAT TIME!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? BACK WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL THERE WAS THIS MONSTER CALLED "QP" AT BONTEN HIGH!
WHOA!
KEW PEE
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THAT GUY AND THE MANAGER HAVE BOTH LEFT. THE PUNK EMPLOYEES ARE NOW IN CHARGE
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WH--WHY'D YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHTS? NOT TO MENTION... A FLASHLIGHT?
LET'S JUST TURN ON THE LIGHTS

YOU BETTER GET THE WAX OUTTA YOUR EARS AND LISTEN CLOSELY
and wipe off that sweat
DON'T BE STUPID. THE STORY YOU'RE ABOUT TO HEAR NEEDS TO THIS KIND OF ATMOSPHERE
THE THREE OF US WENT TO ASAKANUMA HIGH AT THE TIME
OUR STORY BEGINS FOUR YEARS AGO, WHEN KINSHIROU, TURBO THE DRY CLEANER AND ME WERE STILL FRESHMEN IN HIGH SCHOOL
NOW THEN SABU, TAKE IT AWAY
THERE WASN'T A SINGLE STRAIGHT LACED GUY TO BE FOUND WITHIN A TWO MILE RADIUS OF THAT SCHOOL. IT WAS LIKE A PEERLESS PARADISE FOR DELINQUENTS
ASA HIGH WAS LIKE, THE WORST SCHOOL IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

BACK THEN, AT THE TOP OF ASA HIGH STOOD A SENIOR NAMED TSUGAWA
GUYS LIKE US COULDN'T EVEN GET CLOSE TO HIM. THAT'S HOW HOW SCARY HE WAS.

BUT ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS CHILLING OUT BACK, RELAXING ALL COOL, SMOKING SOME CIGARETTES OUT BEHIND THE SCHOOL

HUH?
WHAT THE HELL?
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WHERE CAN I FIND TSUGAWA, THE SENIOR?!
WHAA AAT?!
THAT OUTFIT, YOU'RE BONTEN, AIN'T 'CHA?!
YOU MUST BE OUTTA YOUR MIND THINKING A BONTEN RETARD CAN COME LOOKING FOR TSUGAWA-SAN AT OUR--

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SCHOOL
...
WHERE IS HE?
...
UHH, SO AS I WAS SAYING. HE D JUST CHANGED INTO HIS GYM UNIFORM WHEN I SAW HIM WALKING THROUGH THE HALLWAYS. SO I GUESS THE GYMNASIUM? MAYBE? PERHAPS? I DUNNO?

THANKS.
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C'MON!
HEY! OVER HERE!
PASS!
PAAASS!
HMM?
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WHAT DO YOU WANT?
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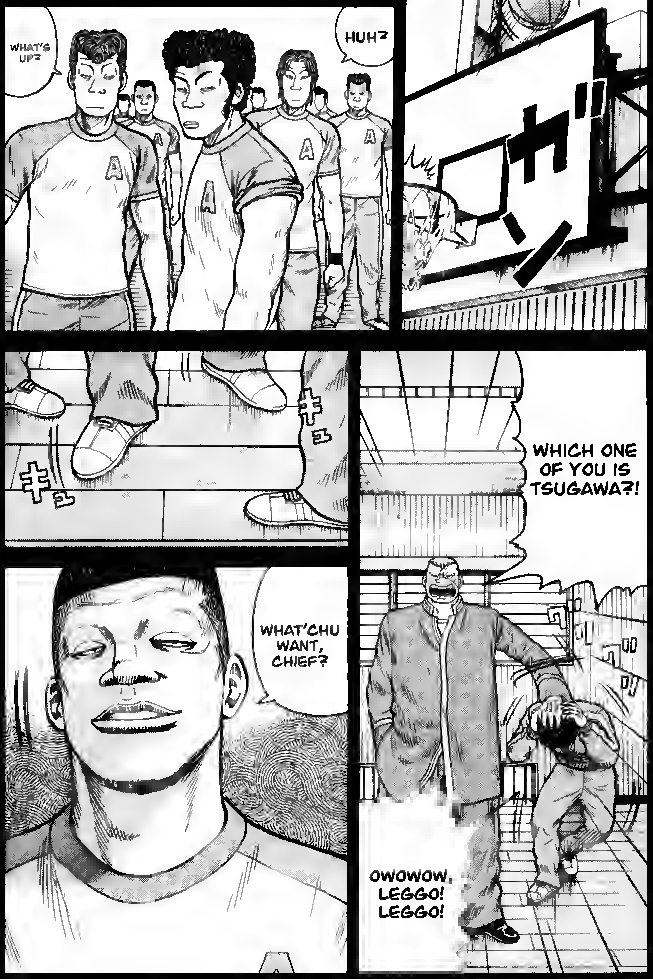
WHAT'S UP?
HUH?
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WHICH ONE OF YOU IS TSUGAWA?!
WHAT'CHU WANT, CHIEF?
OWOWOW, LEGGO! LEGGO!

SO YOU'RE THE BASTARD WHO MADE MY FRIENDS PAY FOR YOU AT THE ARCADE YESTERDAY.

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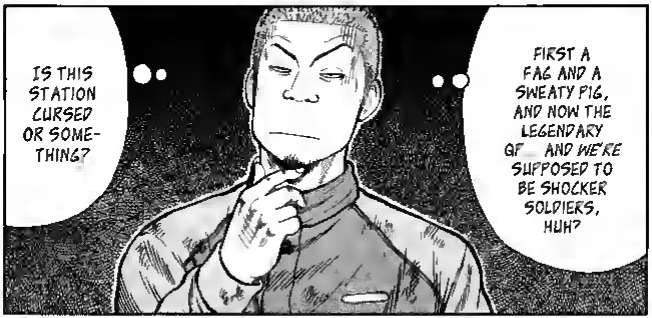
I WAS WORRIED SO I RAN TO THE GYMNA-SIUM.
I WOKE UP SHORTLY AFTER THIS.

GAH AH!
UGH ...
GAAH ...
OW ...
UGH ...

THIS INCIDENT, THE "ASSAULT ON THE ASA HIGH GYMNASIUM", IS JUST ONE STORY FROM THE "LEGEND OF GP"!
A REFORM SCHOOL?!
BY THE TIME HE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS SECOND SEMESTER, THERE WERE ALREADY A TON OF LEGENDS SURROUNDING HIM.
RUMOR HAS IT HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO A REFORM SCHOOL OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
YEAH. THIS IS ALSO JUST ANOTHER RUMOR, BUT APPARENTLY HE MADE QUITE A FEW YAKUZA CONNECTIONS IN THERE.
EITHER WAY, HE'S DANGEROUS.

SO THEN, AFTER THIS LEGENDARY GUY GOT OUT OF REFORM SCHOOL AND FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED, HE'S COME BACK TO THIS TOWN, HUH?
BUT WHY'D HE HAVE TO COME TO THIS STATION OF ALL PLACES?!
I GUESS I'LL INTERROGATE TURBO TOMORROW
HE'S LIKE A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA WHEN IT COMES TO DELINQUENT STUFF
WELL THEN, THIS IS GOODBYE FOR ME! YOU WON'T BE SEEING MY FACE AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE! GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT THAT GUY WILL DO IF HE RECOGNIZES ME!
H--HEY! WAIT UP! SABU!

WE'RE GONNA BE WORKING WITH HIM EVERY DAY...
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, KINSHI-KOU-SAN?
BUH-BYE!


IS THIS STATION CURSED OR SOME-THING?
FIRST A FAG AND A SWEATY PIG, AND NOW THE LEGENDARY GF— AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SHOCKER SOLDIERS, HUH?

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CALL ME SKITTISH, BUT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE NEAR THAT GUY. NINE LIVES WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH
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BUT MAN, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER SEE HIM AGAIN
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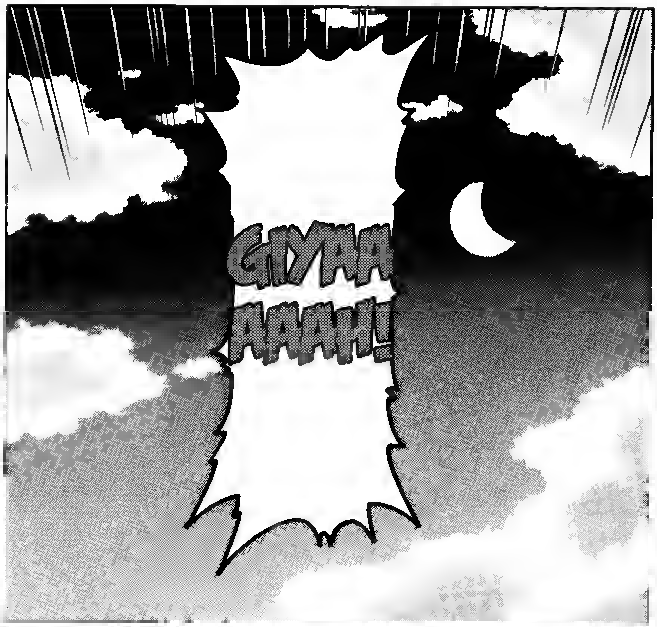

THE LEGEND OF QP HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN BROUGHT TO LIFE...

AND THERE'S NOGUCHI. HE'S GOTTEN FATTER AGAIN, HASN'T HE?
HEY, IT'S KINSHI-ROU... HAHA.
YEAH, YEAH KEEP YOUR PANTIES ON NOW THEN— AH! THAT GUY, HUH?
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU LOOKING?! BE SERIOUS FOR ONCE!

CHAPTER 2:
I AM SHOCKER!

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WH--
WHAT IS
IT?!
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OH
CRAP!
SO...
IT'S HIM,
RIGHT?
NO DOUBT
ABOUT
IT?
I TOLD
YOU
TO BE
CARE-
FUL!
HE
SCARED
ME A BIT
JUST NOW
OUR EYES
MET!

THAT'S DEFINITELY BONTEN HIGH'S QP.
YEAH, IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT.
YEAH, I REMEMBER HIM BEING FATTER.
AL-THOUGH HE'S LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT SINCE THEN.
100 KG...
AS IN, 100-KG-WHEN-HE-ENTERED-MIDDLE-SCHOOL-FATASS
I HEARD HE WAS A GENUINE FATASS BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

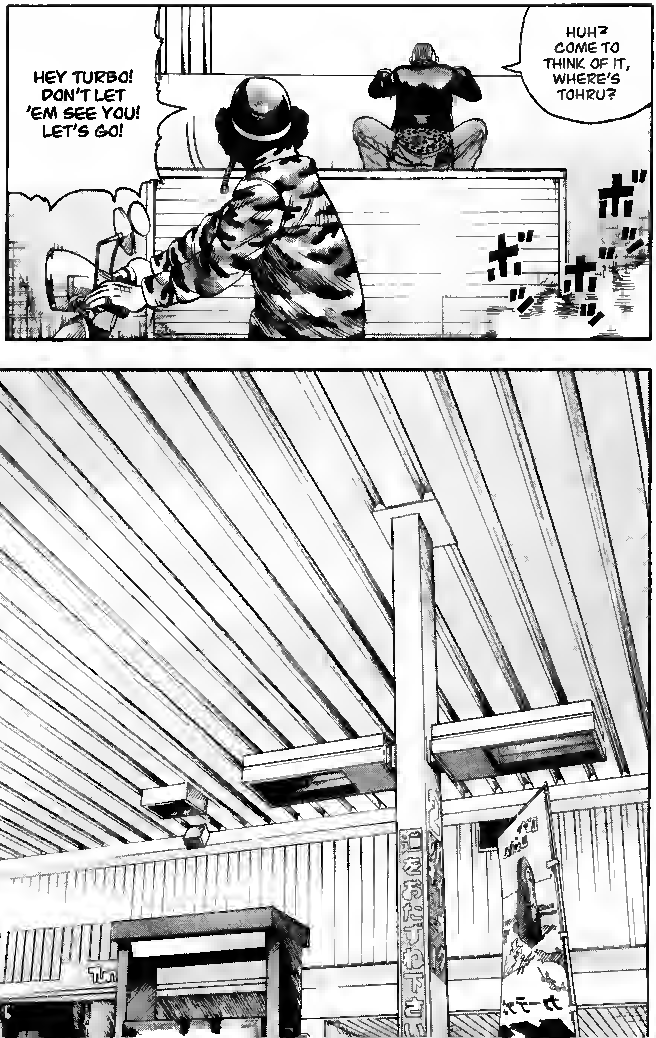
BUT THAT'S NOT THE END OF IT... APPARENTLY HE RAN THE 100 METERS WITH THOSE 100 KG IN, I SHIT YOU NOT,
11 SECONDS! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

IT'S TRUE! I DUNNO IF ITS HIS PHYSICAL ABILITY OR HIS REFLEXES, BUT HE AIN'T NORMAL, I CAN TELL YOU THAT!
BULL-SHIT!

MY GOD ...
INCIDENTALLY, THIS IS KNOWN AMONG THE "LEGEND OF GP" AS THE "100 KG FATTY RUNNING 100 METERS IN 11 SECONDS" STORY!

IN OTHER NEWS... TURBO, I THOUGHT IT WAS DECIDED THAT YOU WERE GOING TO INHERIT YOUR FOLKS' DRY CLEANING PLACE? SO WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?
I'M A PUNK AND ROCK'N' ROLL DRY CLEANER!
WHAT, ARE YOU STUPID? I ALREADY TOLD YOU!
I TOLD THEM THAT THEY COULD NEVER MAKE ME TAKE OVER THAT KIND OF DRY CLEANERS
S—STOP SHOUTING, DUMBASS!
I ALREADY FEEL SORRY FOR THE KID WHO EVER FINDS OUT THAT YOU WERE EVER IN THAT KAMEN RIDER COSTUME

ANYWAY SABU, LOOK
FROM THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES, YOU'D THINK THEY WERE WORKING IN A TIGER DEN...
CAN YOU BLAME THEM? THE GUY THEY'RE WORKING WITH IS IN SOME WAYS MORE DANGEROUS THAN A TIGER.


HEY TURBO! DON'T LET 'EM SEE YOU! LET'S GO!
HUH? COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S TOHRU?
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I'M SORRY I'M LATE...
TO--TOHRU! WHAT HAPPENED?!
WAS IT THOSE GUYS AGAIN?!
...
N--NO, IT'S NOTHING
I'M GONNA CHANGE CLOTHES
H--HEY! TOHRU!
HMM...
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM?

HE'S STILL ONLY 17. NORMAL KIDS WOULD BE IN THE PRIME OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL LIVES AT THAT AGE, BUT HIM
HE LOST HIS PARENTS IN A CAR ACCIDENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO...
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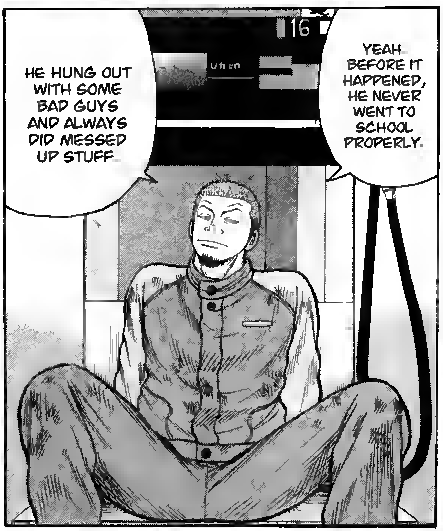
Service Room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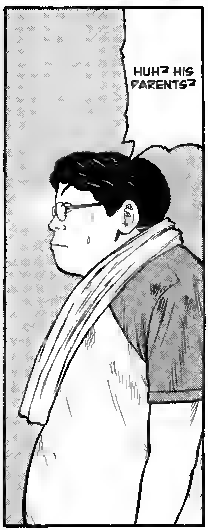
YEAH. BEFORE IT HAPPENED, HE NEVER WENT TO SCHOOL PROPERLY.
HE HUNG OUT WITH SOME BAD GUYS AND ALWAYS DID MESSED UP STUFF.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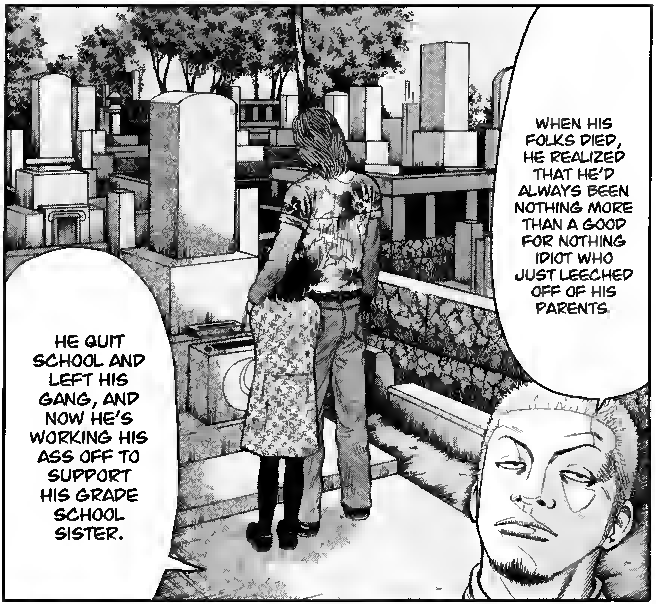
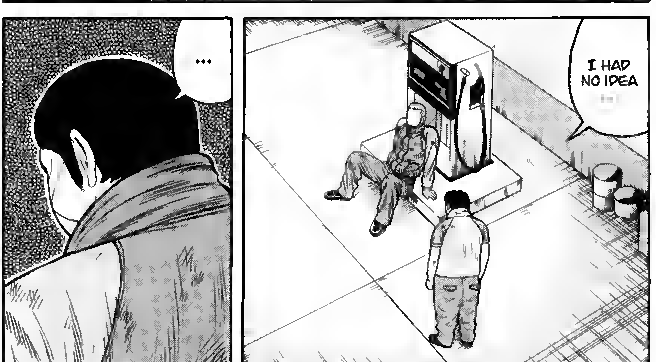

WHEN HIS FOLKS DIED, HE REALIZED THAT HE'D ALWAYS BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN A GOOD FOR NOTHING IDIOT WHO JUST LEECHED OFF OF HIS PARENTS.
HE QUIT SCHOOL AND LEFT HIS GANG, AND NOW HE'S WORKING HIS ASS OFF TO SUPPORT HIS GRADE SCHOOL SISTER.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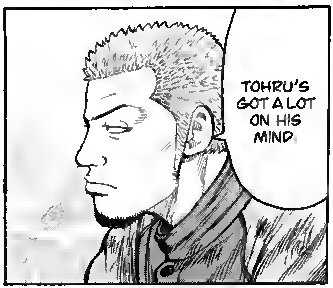
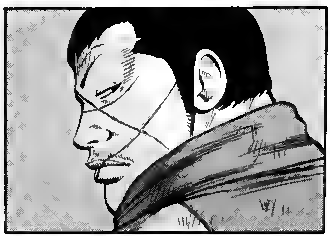
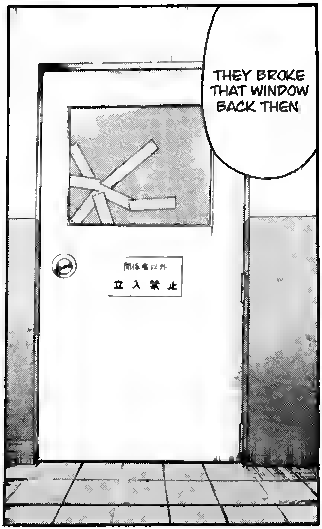
I HAD NO IDEA

BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE HIS FORMER FELLOW GANG MEMBERS AREN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT HIM LEAVING
LAST MONTH THEY EVEN CAME TO VISIT THIS STATION.


TOHRU'S GOT A LOT ON HIS MIND.




THEY BROKE THAT WINDOW BACK THEN
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AH, GOOD JOB TODAY!
WELL THEN, MY TIME'S UP, I'M LEAVING

EEK!
I'M LEAVING
HMM?
AH! UHH, YOU WERE GREAT TODAY! MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE DAYS LIKE THIS!
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UM, IT'S ME, NOGUCHI. ARE YOU STILL HERE?
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AH.
UM

HERE, PLEASE HAVE THIS
GREAT JOB TODAY
...
...
ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO BUY SOME OOLONG TEA, BUT MY FINGER SLIPPED AND I ENDED UP GETTING THIS INSTEAD
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Y-- YES?
HEY.
WELL THEN...
Y-- DON'T MENTION IT
THANKS.

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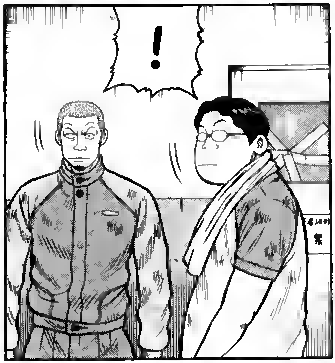
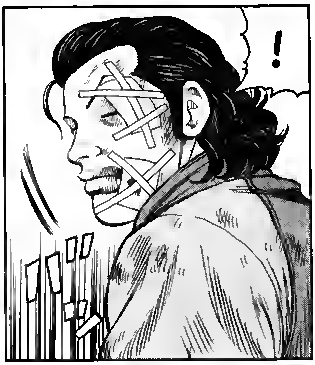
HE THANKED ME
I DON'T THINK HE'S SUCH A BAD GUY...





NOW THERE'S A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES. TOHRU!
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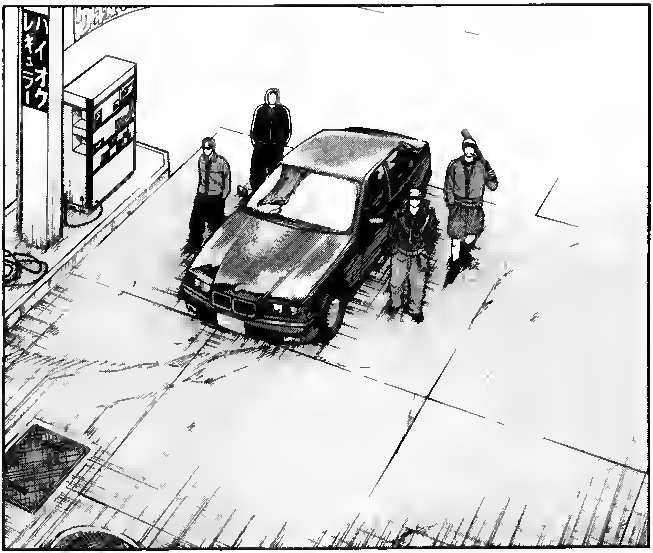
SHIO-OKA-SAN...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TOHRU
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I HEAR YOU MESSED UP TWO OR THREE OF OUR GUYS LAST NIGHT.

WH-- WHO ARE THEY?
IT'S THOSE ASS-HOLES. THEY CAME BACK.

THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT. THERE WASN'T MUCH I COULD DO
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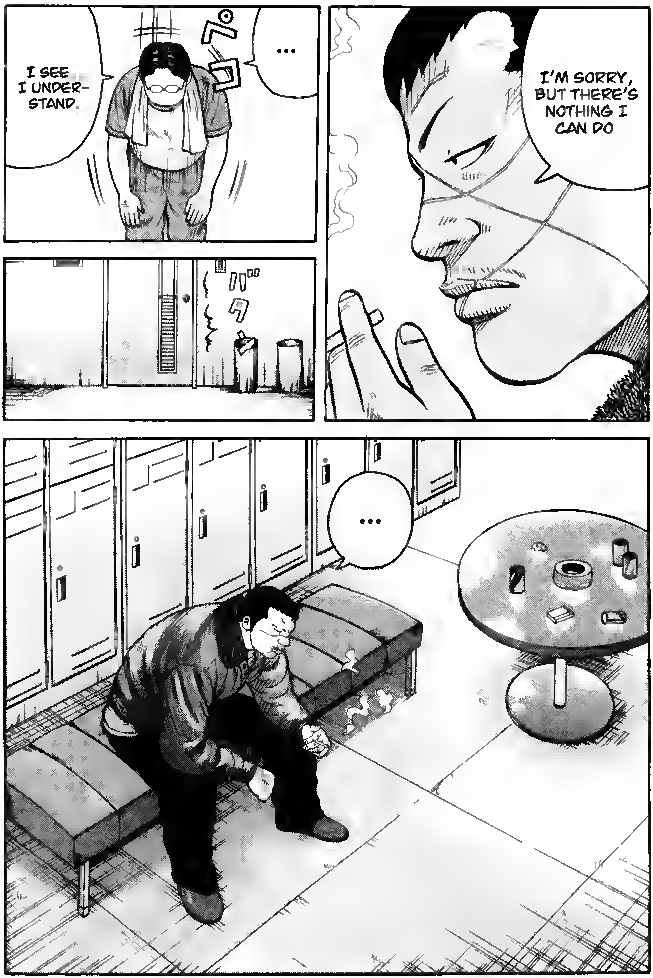
AH!
!
"NOT MUCH YOU COULD DO," HUH? ARE YOU TAKING THE PISS?!
CUT ME SOME SLACK, SHIOOKA-SAN.
I... I'M NOT THE GUY I USED TO BE
I'M NOT ONE OF YOU ANY-MORE...
AND WHAT ARE WE, EXACT-LY?

KI--
KIN-
SHI-
ROU-
SAN!
WHY THOSE LITTLE... OH THAT IS IT!
HEY JERK-OFF!
HEY!
WHAT?!

...
CHILLAX
...
立入禁止

!
I CAN'T.
IF I CAUSE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF TROUBLE RIGHT NOW, I'LL BE FORCED TO RETURN TO SOME "CRAMPED QUARTERS"
IF THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE BREAKING A PROMISE I MADE...
CRAMPED QUARTERS...
AND A PROMISE...?


I SEE. I UNDER-STAND.
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I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
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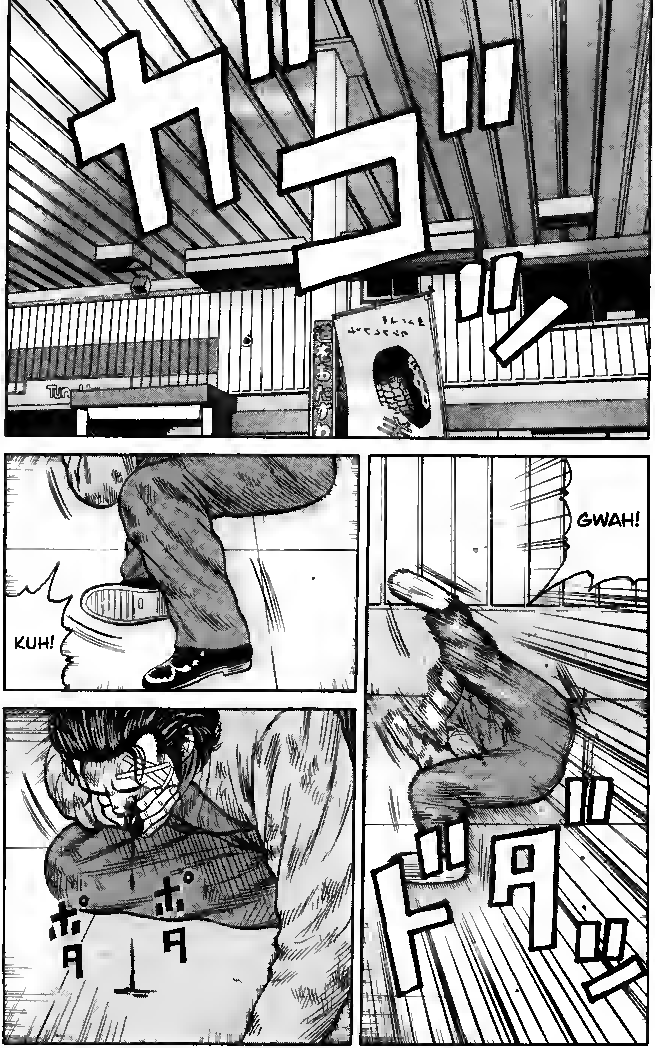
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KUH!
GWAH!
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IF THIS IS WHAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, I WON'T STOP YOU.
BUT THIS STATION AND THE PEOPLE THAT WORK HERE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. YOU HEAR?!
EXCUSE YOU?
AND I WILL NEVER, EVER, GO BACK TO BEING MY OLD SELF. WHATEVER HAPPENS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO TO MAKE UP TO THE PARENTS WHO GAVE BIRTH TO ME AND RAISED ME!
IF I ENDED UP BECOMING LIKE YOU, AN EMPTY SHELL OF A MAN,
GWAH!
スドッ
MOTHER-FUCKER!
WHY YOU LITTLE
I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!
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GAH AH!
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ドンドン
立入禁止
!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
OF COURSE! THE POLICE!
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HUH?
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HMM?
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WH--
WHAT?!
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関係者以外
立入禁止

HEY, WAKE UP.
HEY.
UGH ...

WHOA!
WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?
WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT WAS THAT ...?
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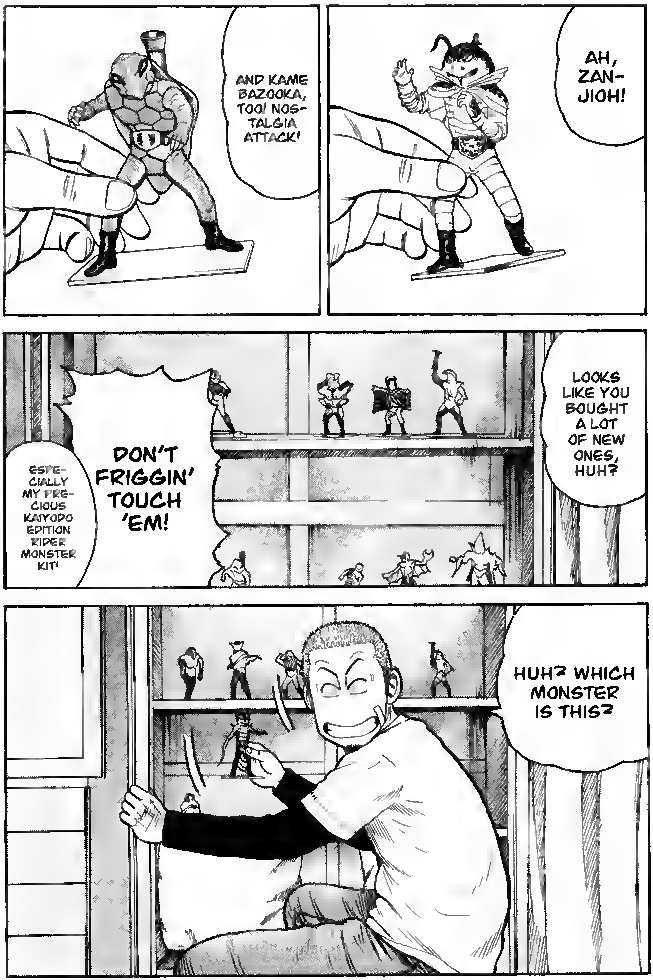
CHAPTER 3:
DEAR MR PRINCIPAL


AND KAME BAZOOKA, TOO! NOSTALGIA ATTACK!
AH, ZANJIOH!
LOOKS LIKE YOU BOUGHT A LOT OF NEW ONES, HUH?
DON'T FRIGGIN' TOUCH 'EM!
ESPECIALLY MY PRECIOUS KAIYODO EDITION KIPER MONSTER KIT!
HUH? WHICH MONSTER IS THIS?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? DUDE, IT'S GA-RAGA-RANDA!
GARAGANDA'S THE TRUE FORM OF AMBASSADOR HELL, ONE OF SHOCKER'S LEADERS! ONE TIME, HE--
HEY MIDDLE-AGED OTAKU!
HOW ABOUT YOU HAVE THIS CONVERSATION WHEN I'M NOT HERE?
KINSHIROU, STICK TO THE STORY.
TOHRU'S OLD FRIENDS SHOWED UP, YOU MANAGED TO LOSE CON-SCIENCE, AND QP SHOWED UP DRESSED IN A SHOCKER COSTUME. AND THEN?

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BUT ACCORDING TO TOHRU AND NOGUCHI ...
OH YEAH. I WAS KINDA SLIPPING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIENCE SO I DIDN'T SEE EVERYTHING.
WHAT THE FUCK'S YOUR PROBLEM?!

KUH!
SON... OF...A... BITCH!
IT WON'T EVEN BUDGE!

HAG
AH!
HERE.
!
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AH!
...
!
TH--
THAT'S
MY
DAD'S
CAR!
!

THE FOUR OF THEM TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT...
A.O.S
YEAH, STOPPING GP'Z THAT WAS NEVER GONNA HAPPEN.
NO WAY! HIS BEEMER'Z!
YUP.
UGH...
HUH?
THAT'S WHEN I FINALLY GOT IT TOGETHER AGAIN
A.O.S

THREE OF THEM WERE KNOCKED OUT COLD ...
THAT BMW WAS PRACTICALLY UNRECOGNIZABLE
AND THE LEADER WAS GIVING QP A BACK RUB ...
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY TENSE HERE. DOES THIS FEEL GOOD, BOSS?
Y--- YEAH, THAT'S THE SPOT ...

Y-- YES!
KNEEL.
LISTEN UP. I'M SHOCKER.
WHEN REPLYING TO SHOCKER, YOU DO IT BY SAYING
I!!!!!!
UNDERSTAND?
GOOD.
AH! I!!!!!!
...
Y-- YES!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
SH-- SHIOOKA.
...
NO, I'M SHOCKER.
N--NO, NOT "SHOCKER", "SHIOOKA."
SHI-O-O-KA!
WHAT?

SHOW ME YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.
M--MY LICENSE?
ALL RIGHT. NOW, I'VE MEMORIZED YOUR ADDRESS.
NOW PAY ATTENTION. DON'T EVER SHOW YOUR FACE AT THIS STATION OR IN FRONT OF TOHRU AGAIN.
IF HE SEES YOU, I WILL PERSONALLY SEND ALL OF THE 80,000 SHOCKER SOLDIERS THAT ARE UNDER COVER IN JAPAN TO YOUR PLACE. UNDERSTAND?!

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I!!!!!!!!
GOOD. NOW GET LOST!
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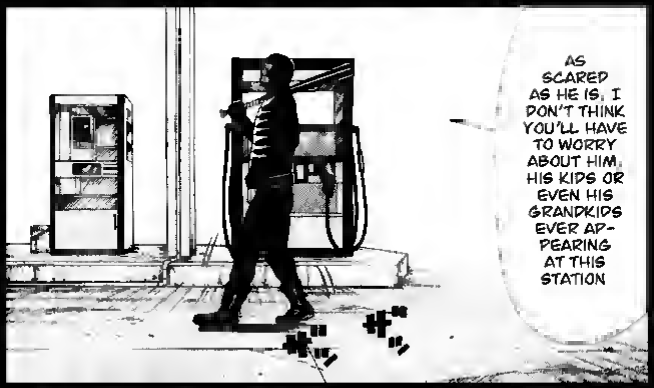
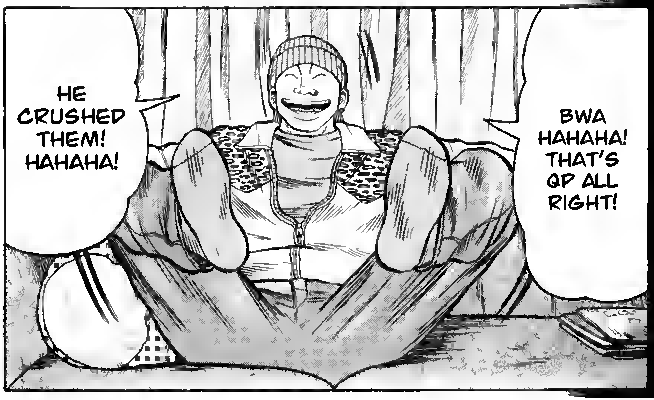
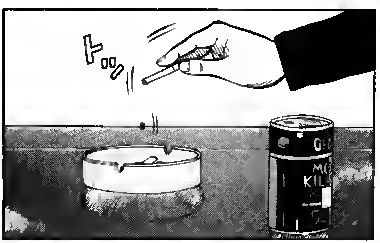
RUN LIKE THE WIND, AND DON'T LOOK BACK!
IIIII!

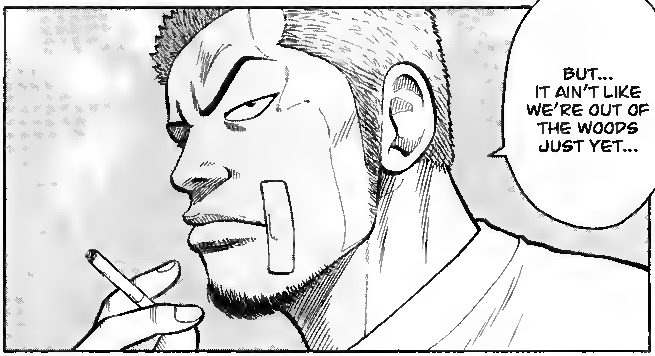

AS SCARED AS HE IS, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM, HIS KIDS OR EVEN HIS GRANDKIDS EVER APPEARING AT THIS STATION

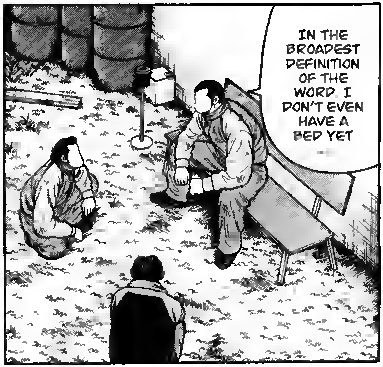

BWA HAHAHA! THAT'S GP ALL RIGHT!
HE CRUSHED THEM! HAHAHA!

YEAH. TOHRU AND NOGUCHI REALIZED THAT, TOO.
TOHRU'S EVEN CALLING HIM HIS "BRO" NOW.
A.O.S

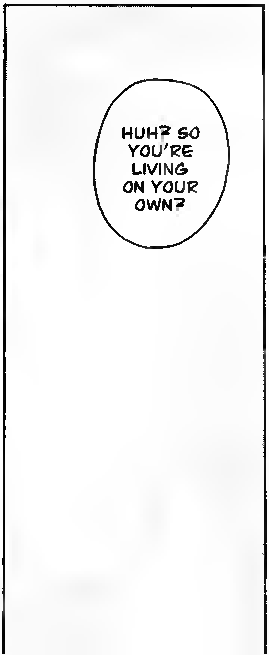
I CAN'T IMAGINE A MORE DANGEROUS ENEMY THAN HIM, BUT—
AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S NO BETTER GUY TO HAVE ON YOUR SIDE THAN HIM EITHER.




BUT... IT AIN'T LIKE WE'RE OUT OF THE WOODS JUST YET...

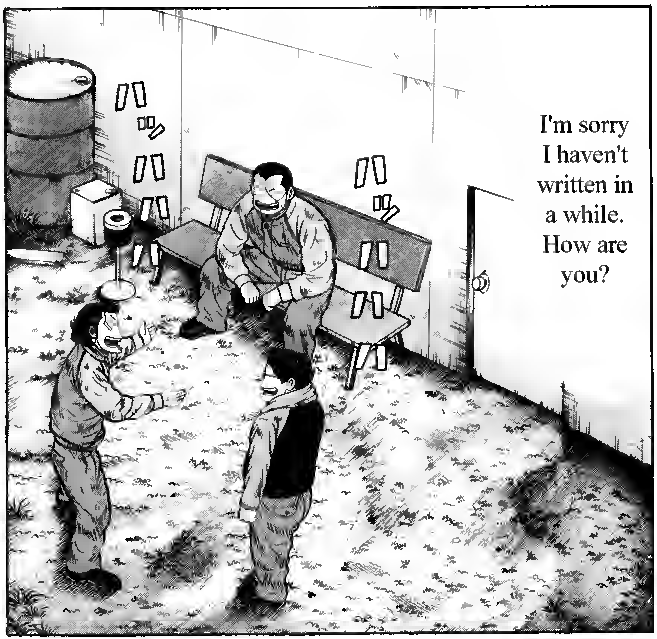

IN THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF THE WORD I DON'T EVEN HAVE A BED YET

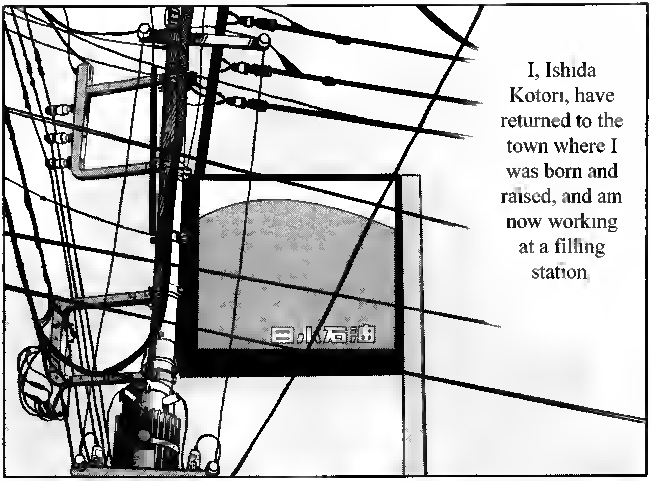
SOUNDS HARSH...


HUH? SO YOU'RE LIVING ON YOUR OWN?

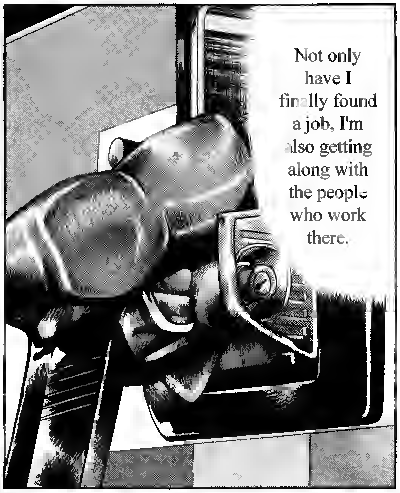
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME "BRO."
IF IT WORKS, I'LL BRING IT OVER TO YOUR PLACE, BRO!
OH YEAH! COME TO THINK OF IT, A FRIEND OF MINE IS BUYING A NEW TV. I'LL GO ASK HIM ABOUT HIS OLD ONE TOMORROW
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG? PLEASE, LET ME CALL YOU BRO.
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME "BOSS."
BOSS, PLEASE, TAKE IT.
IT'S KINDA OLD, BUT I HAVE A SMALL REFRIGERATOR YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE.

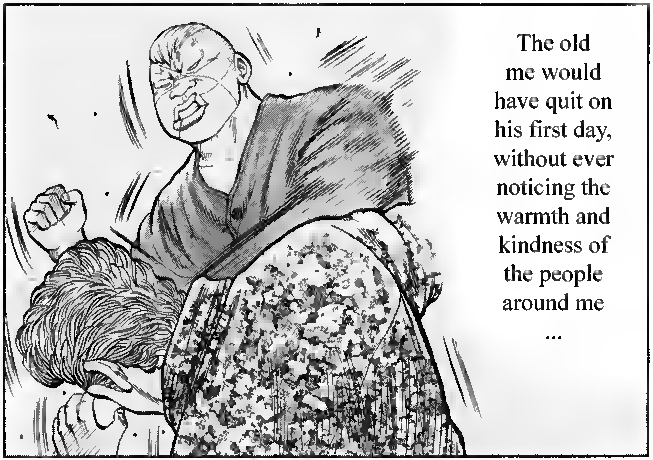
Dear Mr Principal,

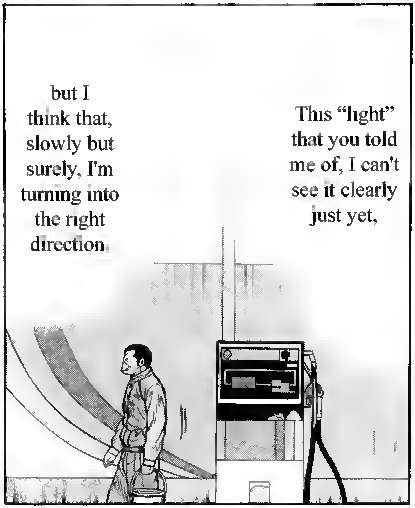


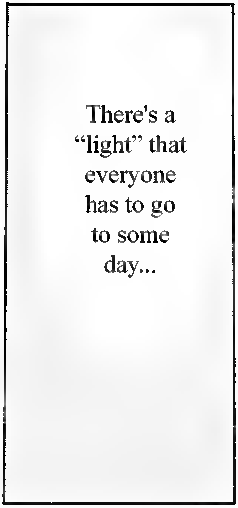


They're all nice people.




The old me would have quit on his first day, without ever noticing the warmth and kindness of the people around me ...


but I think that, slowly but surely, I'm turning into the right direction.
This "light" that you told me of, I can't see it clearly just yet,


There's a "light" that everyone has to go to some day...

I will write you again soon.
Ishida Kotori.
WEL-COME!
I'll do my best.

HEY, ABOUT THE LEGEND OF QP, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE STORY OF "THE DREAD BUS THAT WOULDN'T STOP AT 8 21 AM"?
'THE HELL'S THAT?
THE WHAT NOW?
I HEARD THIS STORY FROM A GUY WHO WENT TO NISHI HIGH WAY BACK WHEN, TAKE
TAKE USED TO GO TO SCHOOL BY BUS. HE ALWAYS TOOK THE BUS AT AROUND 8 AM, WHICH WAS ALWAYS EXTREMELY CROWDED.

THERE WAS NEVER ANYONE IN IT AND IT WOULD JUST GO RIGHT BY WITHOUT EVEN SLOWING DOWN
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BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS THIS ONE BUS THAT WOULD GO RIGHT BY THE BUS STOP AT 8:21
THERE'S NO ONE IN HE--
WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH YOU!? WHY DON'T YOU EVER LET PEOPLE IN?!
ONE DAY HE'D FINALLY HAD ENOUGH AND JUMPED IN FRONT OF THE BUS TO GIVE THE DRIVER A PIECE OF HIS MIND
SLOW THE FUCK DOWN!
HMM?

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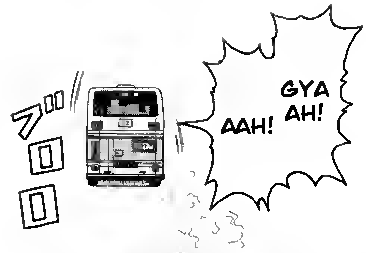
GYA AH!
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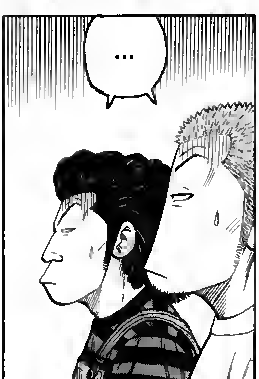
HE'D NEVER LET ANYONE IN, AND WOULD STOP FOR NO MAN. HE HAD HIS OWN PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION.
IN SHORT, GP RODE THAT BUS TO SCHOOL EVERY MORNING.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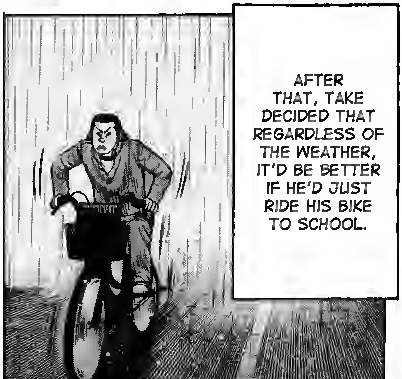
AFTER THAT, TAKE DECIDED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER, IT'D BE BETTER IF HE'D JUST RIDE HIS BIKE TO SCHOOL.

BY THE WAY, KINSHI-ROU, YOU SAID YOU WERE STILL WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?
YEAH
SOMETHING TOHRU TOLD ME
APPARENTLY, THAT GUY WHO CAME TO THE STATION, SHI-OOKA, IS ONLY A FLUNKIE IN HIS GROUP
HE'S GOT A BUNCH OF GUYS ABOVE HIM THAT ARE EVEN MORE BAD NEWS

I SEE...
AND I HAVE A FEELING THEY'RE NOT GONNA STAY QUIET OVER WHAT HAP-PENED
SOUNDS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING INTE-RESTING.
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS OVER THERE HAHA...
THIS IS MY ASS ON THE LINE HERE, BASTARD!
OW!
S--- STOP IT! YOU GUYS!
AH!

AH!
AH.
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WHYYY YOOO UUU...
C-- CALM DOWN! SABU!
WHO- RYAH!

AND THEN, TWO DAYS LATER IN THE AFTERNOON
...
THANKS FOR VISI-TING!
PLEASE COME AGAIN!
7"
Service Room
MY FEARS BECAME REALITY
...

CHAPTER 4: DREAM

受付中
予約割引 一日車検
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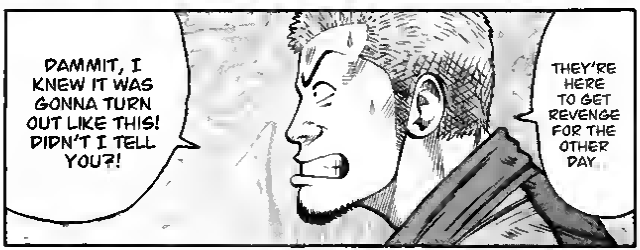
C--CAN'T YOU TELL JUST BY LOOKING?
WH--WHO ARE THESE GUYS?


DAMMIT, I KNEW IT WAS GONNA TURN OUT LIKE THIS! DIDN'T I TELL YOU?!
THEY'RE HERE TO GET REVENGE FOR THE OTHER DAY.

THOSE OTHER GUYS WERE JUST GRUNTS, BUT THESE ARE ALL HIGHER-UPS...
TH--THIS IS BAD...

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THERE WE GO
COUPLE DAYS AGO, SOME OF OUR SOLDIERS DROPPED BY THIS CUTE LIL' GAS STATION AND ENDED UP BEING HURT REAL BAD, Y'KNOW?
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SO I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "MAN, SHOCKER? I GOTTA MEET THIS GUY!"
THEY SAID THE STRANGEST THING, Y'KNOW? APPARENTLY, ONE OF THE GUYS THAT WORKS HERE, IS NONE OTHER THAN SHOCKER HIMSELF, Y'KNOW?
BRO!
!

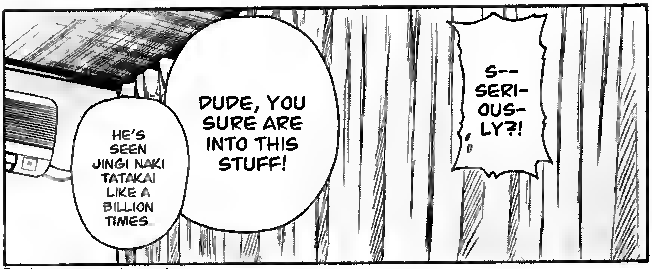
HMM?
G--
GP!
!

HMM. SO YOU'RE SHOCKER, HUH?
...
I HEAR YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG.
HUH?
KIN-JOU!

WHA?
WE'RE LEAVING
DROP IT.
!
?

BULLSHIT! JUST LIKE THAT?!
BUT WHY?
SO I FIGURED THAT AS SOON AS HE PROPPED, IT'D MEAN THE END OF US AND THE STATION AS WELL, BUT THEY JUST UP AND LEFT
YUP. I WAS THINKING THAT, WITH THAT MANY GUYS, EVEN OP WOULD BE IN TROUBLE,
HOW WOULD I KNOW?

A SCAR?
KINSHIROU, DID THE LEADER HAVE A LONG SCAR CLOSE TO HIS MOUTH?
DON'T OPEN! DON'T TOUCH!
AH! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YEAH, HE DID!
I FIGURED AS MUCH. THAT GUY'S THE NUMBER 2 IN THAT GANG. HIS NAME'S KAWASHIMA MASAHARU. HE'S A YEAR YOUNGER THAN US, BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM ANY LESS DANGEROUS. APPARENTLY HE'S BEEN SEEN GOING IN AND OUT OF YAKUZA OFFICES. STAY AS FAR AWAY FROM HIM AS YOU CAN!



Translator note: and so should you!

KIN-SHIROU, THIS IS REAL BAD
THEM JUST LEAVING LIKE THAT IS MORE OMINOUS THAN THEM ACTU-ALLY DOING ANYTHING
MAYBE SO, BUT EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA WHO'S ACTUALLY AT THE TOP OF THAT GROUP
BY THE WAY, SONNY CHIBA IN H ROSHIMA DEATHMATCH IS MY FAVORITE CHARACTER
...

HMM?
BY THE WAY, NOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT OR ANYTHING, BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE WHAT I GOT MY HANDS ON. BUCKLE YOUR SEATBELTS, GENTS
学園時代
SCHOOL LIFE
TADAA. ANOTHER PART OF THE LEGEND OF QP, TITLED "THE GOOSEBUMPS INDUCING YEARBOOK"!
A YEAR-BOOK?

HOW'D YOU MANAGE TO GET THIS?
SCHOOL LIFE
IT'S FROM WHEN QP WAS STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
JUST OPEN IT AND SEE
WHA?!

HE HAS AN ENTIRE PAGE FOR HIMSELF?!
THAT'S WHERE THE PRINCIPAL'S PICTURE IS SUPPOSED TO BE!
NO WAY!
AH!
THERE'S MORE... GP IS PRESENT IN EVERY PICTURE, RIGHT SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERY CLASS

AND HERE!
THIS ONE, TOO!
HOW THE HELL ..?
IT'S TRUE, HE'S ON EVERY PICTURE
HO-- HOLY CRAP IT'S LIKE HE REALLY WAS THE PRINCI-PAL
YEAH ...
I HAVE NO IDEA. BUT THE REAL SCARY PART IS THAT THIS YEARBOOK WAS JUST PUBLISHED LIKE THIS!

HUH?
AH! I KNOW THIS GUY!
WHICH ONE?
GP HUNG OUT WITH ONLY THREE GUYS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL,
THIS GUY, AZUMA RYOU, IS ONE OF THEM.
THIS HERE IS NARAOKA TSUNE-YOSHI
AND FINALLY, SUZUMOTO KOUZOU

WHEN THE FOUR OF THEM ENTERED BONTEN HIGH, 17 UPPER CLASSMEN ENDED UP DROPPING OUT ONE BY ONE, OUT OF FEAR FOR THOSE GUYS ...
ALL THREE OF THEM DROPPED OUT ALONGSIDE GP, BUT IT'S SAID THAT THAT IF THEY HADN'T, THEY WOULD HAVE ENDED UP RULING EVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS TOWN.
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU!
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OW!
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SHUT YOUR MOUTH, ASS-HOLE!
THAT'S WHY YOUR STATION IS SO MESSED UP! HAHA.
AND THEN ONE OF THEM ENDED UP AT OUR STATION PERFECT.
C--- CALM DOWN! SABU!
WHYYY YOOO UUU--
AH!
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SFX Crash. They probably flew through the display case.

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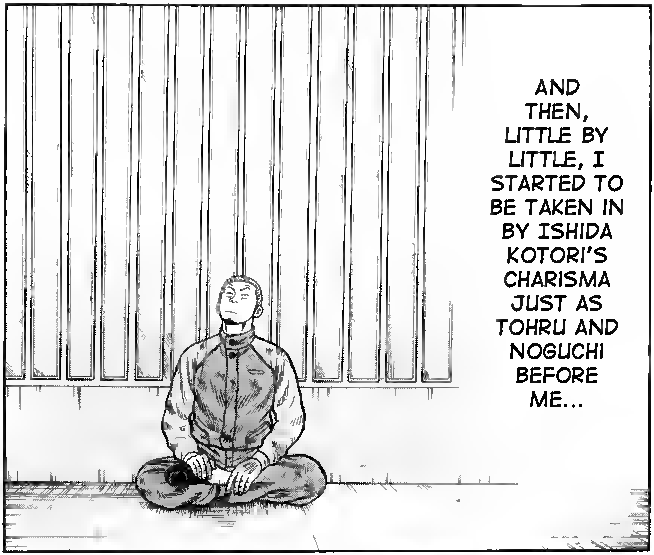
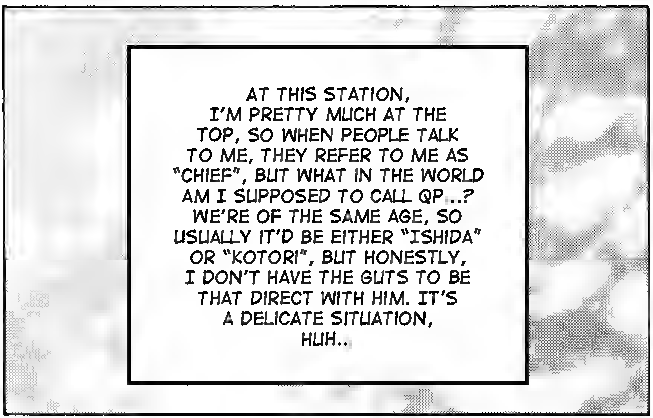
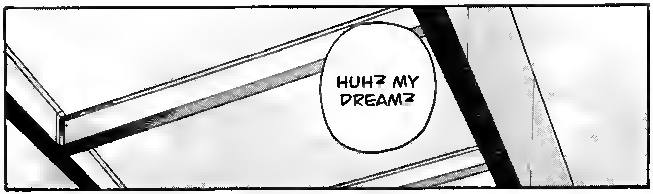
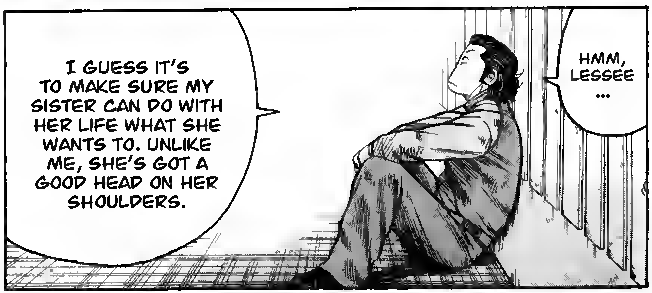
BUT THEN A WEEK PASSED... AND THEN TEN DAYS... AND NOTHING HAPPENED AT OUR STATION. JUST PEACE AND QUIET...

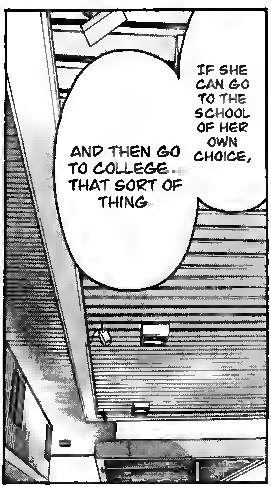

AND THEN, LITTLE BY LITTLE, I STARTED TO BE TAKEN IN BY ISHIDA KOTORI'S CHARISMA JUST AS TOHRU AND NOGUCHI BEFORE ME...

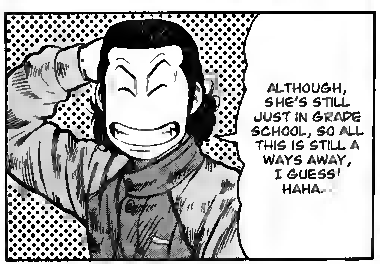

AT THIS STATION, I'M PRETTY MUCH AT THE TOP, SO WHEN PEOPLE TALK TO ME, THEY REFER TO ME AS "CHIEF", BUT WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL QP...? WE'RE OF THE SAME AGE, SO USUALLY IT'D BE EITHER "ISHIDA" OR "KOTORI", BUT HONESTLY, I DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO BE THAT DIRECT WITH HIM. IT'S A DELICATE SITUATION, HUH..


HUH? MY DREAM?


HMM, LESSEE ...
I GUESS IT'S TO MAKE SURE MY SISTER CAN DO WITH HER LIFE WHAT SHE WANTS TO. UNLIKE ME, SHE'S GOT A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS.

I WANNA MAKE SURE I CAN MAKE ALL THAT POSSIBLE WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY ON RELATIVES


IF SHE CAN GO TO THE SCHOOL OF HER OWN CHOICE,
AND THEN GO TO COLLEGE. THAT SORT OF THING


ALTHOUGH, SHE'S STILL JUST IN GRADE SCHOOL, SO ALL THIS IS STILL A WAYS AWAY, I GUESS! HAHA.

YOU'RE SO ADMI-RABLE!
HUH?
TOH-RU!
HUH? ME?
AND YOU, BOSS?
AH! I BET I CAN GUESS WHAT YOUR DREAM IS!
SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP, YOU!
WELL ASKING ME OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS IS KINDA

YOU'D NEVER GUESS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, BUT HE ACTUALLY WANTS TO BECOME A MANGAKA!
A MANGAKA?!
UH, WELL... Y'KNOW...
NO LUCK?
TIMES NINE
I ALREADY APPLIED FOR NINE DIFFERENT ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CONTESTS AT VARIOUS MAGAZINES, BUT
HAAH

I'LL BECOME A MANGAKA IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
BUT I WON'T GIVE UP!

OH YEAH! BRO, WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?
BY THE WAY, HOW ABOUT YOU?

I'M, UH... I'M NOT SURE I CAN REALLY TELL YOU GUYS...

IF— IF, IF YOU REALLY DO BECOME A MANGAKA, PLEASE MAKE ME A CHARACTER IN ONE OF YOUR SERIES!
YEAH! I'LL EVEN USE YOUR REAL NAME! MWAHAHA!
AND DON'T SAY "IF" THREE TIMES, DAMMIT!

ME?
BOSS! THERE'S SOMEONE HERE TO SEE YOU ...
I--- IT'S THAT MAN OVER THERE...

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RYOU?!
AZUMA
RYOU?!

THIS MAN, AZUMA RYOU, WOULD SOON CAST A DARK SHADOW OVER QP AND THE REST OF US. AT THIS TIME HOWEVER, NONE OF US COULD HAVE POSSIBLY KNOWN THAT...

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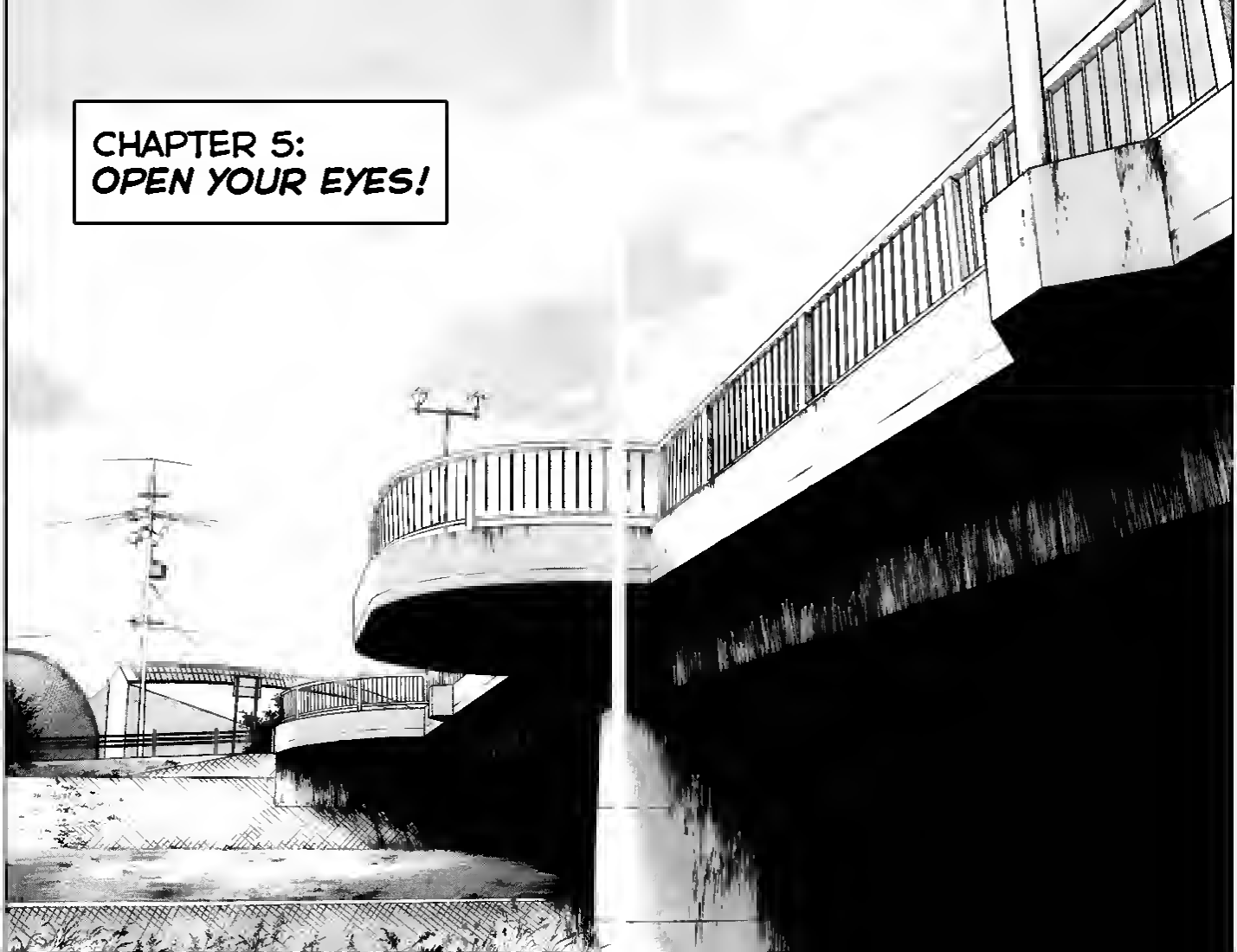
...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KOTORI ...


CHAPTER 5:
OPEN YOUR EYES!

G--GREET-INGS!
KOTORI, YOU REMEMBER THIS GUY? HE WAS TWO YEARS BELOW US IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, YAMADA BUNTOKU.
Y--YOU RE-MEM-BERED ME? I'M HON-OR--
AH..
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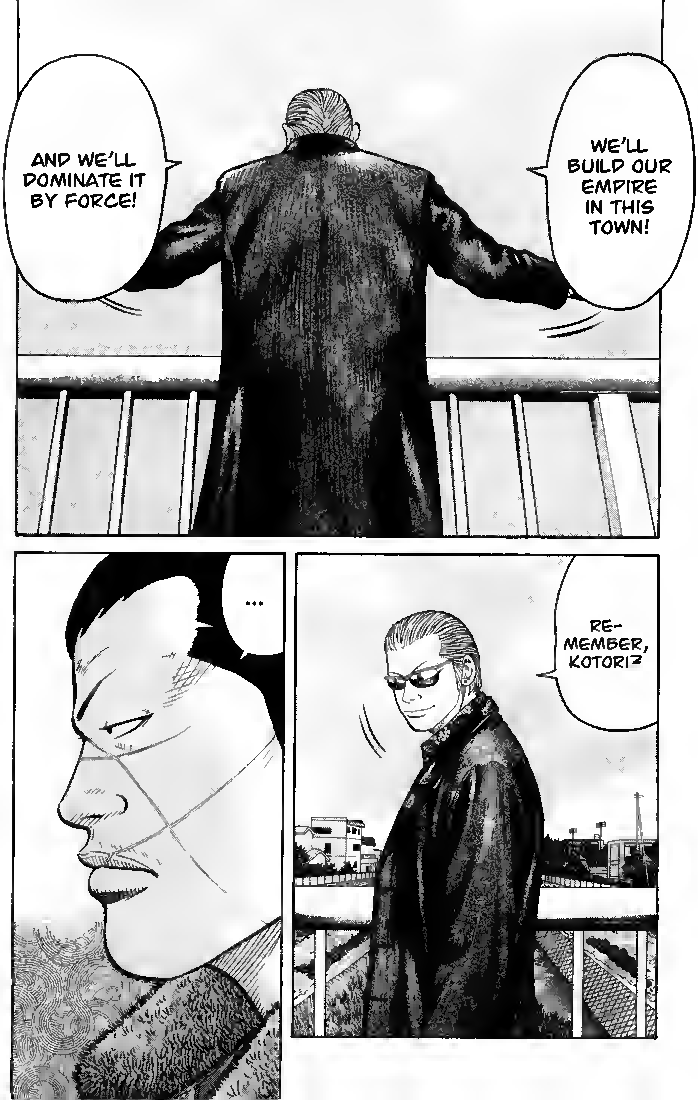
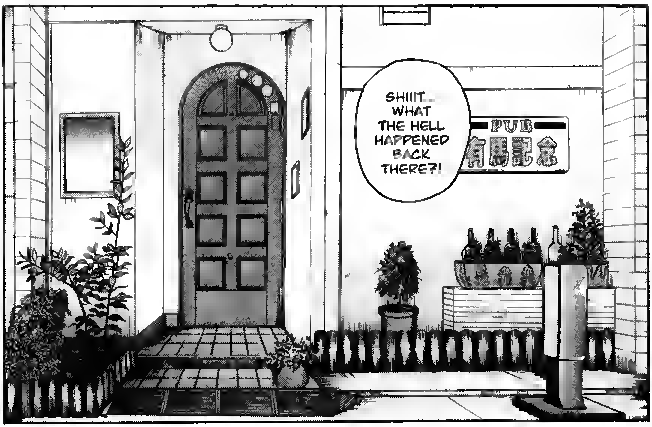
NO.

UM, KOTORI-SAN, COULD YOU GIVE ME YOUR AUTOGRAPH LATER? I HAVE A PEN WITH ME...
BUNTOKU, GO WAIT FOR ME OVER THERE I WANNA TALK TO KOTORI IN PRIVATE
Y--YES-SIR
HE'S BEEN YOUR FAN SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO CONTACT ME AS SOON AS YOU RETURNED TO THIS PLACE?!
WELL... TO BE FAIR, I DID CALL YOUR PLACE ONE TIME...

HE'S WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU.
BUT YOUR UNCLE SAID THAT HE HADN'T SEEN YOU IN SIX MONTHS
...
I GOT A LOT ON MY PLATE.
I NEVER FORGOT WHAT YOU SAID TO ME BACK THEN.
NOW WE CAN FINALLY TEAM UP AGAIN!
ANY-WAY, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.


AND WE'LL DOMINATE IT BY FORCE!
WE'LL BUILD OUR EMPIRE IN THIS TOWN!
...
RE-MEMBER, KOTORI?


SHIIIT... WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED BACK THERE?!
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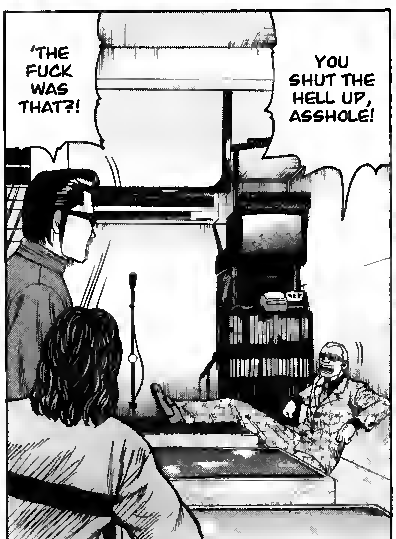
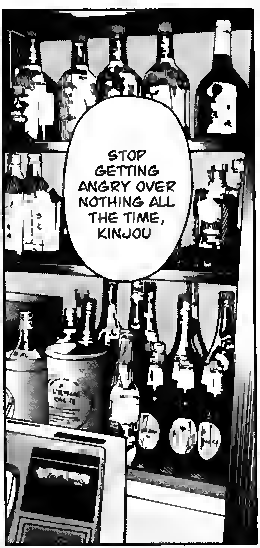
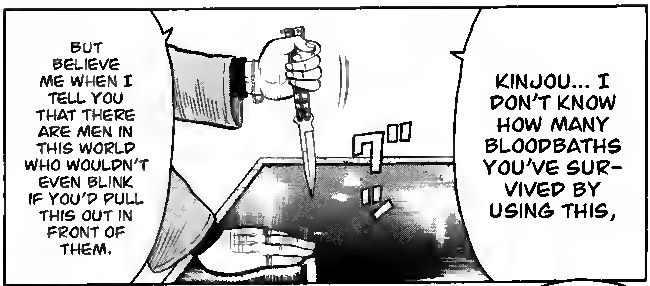
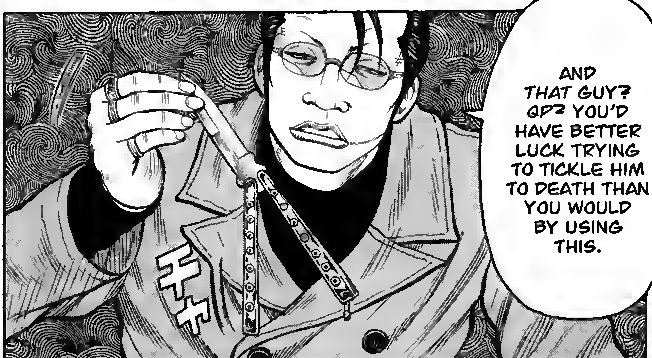

'THE FUCK WAS THAT?!
YOU SHUT THE HELL UP, ASSHOLE!


STOP GETTING ANGRY OVER NOTHING ALL THE TIME, KINJOU

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!
BOTH OF YOU, KNOCK IT OFF.
SHIOOKA MIGHT BE A RETARD, BUT HE'S STILL ONE OF MY GUYS, AND I'M SUPPOSED TO LOOK AFTER HIM!
WHY THE HELL CAN'T WE GO AND TAKE CARE OF THAT SHOCKER ASS-HOLE?!

THIS IS A SETTING A BAD EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER SOLDIERS. THINK ABOUT THE CONSE-QUENCES!
IT'S MY DUTY, MY RIGHT TO GET PAY-BACK FOR WHAT'S DONE TO MY UNDER-LINGS!
CONSE-QUEN-CES? BELIEVE ME, IF I HADN'T STOPPED YOU WHEN I DID,
YOU'D BE CRYING FOR YOUR MOTHER IN A HOSPITAL BED RIGHT NOW.
...
I'D APPRE-CIATE IT IF YOU'D GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE CREDIT THAN THAT.


KINJOU... I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY BLOODBATHS YOU'VE SURVIVED BY USING THIS,
BUT BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE MEN IN THIS WORLD WHO WOULDN'T EVEN BLINK IF YOU'D PULL THIS OUT IN FRONT OF THEM.


AND THAT GUY? GP² YOU'D HAVE BETTER LUCK TRYING TO TICKLE HIM TO DEATH THAN YOU WOULD BY USING THIS.

IS HE THAT STRONG?
BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT KINJOU'S RIGHT
WE CAN'T JUST DO NOTHING

THE BOSS?!
WE'RE NOT. THE BOSS IS TALKING TO HIM AS WE SPEAK.
YEAH. THE BOSS AND QP GO WAY BACK.

SO YOU REALLY ARE...
YEAH, THOSE GUYS THAT CAME TO VISIT YOUR STATION EARLIER, THEY'RE ALL MY GUYS.
NOT TO MEN-TION
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I HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN SITTING ON MY ASS WHILE YOU WERE GONE
THERE'S BARELY SINGLE GUY LEFT IN THIS TOWN WHO DOESN'T ANSWER TO ME
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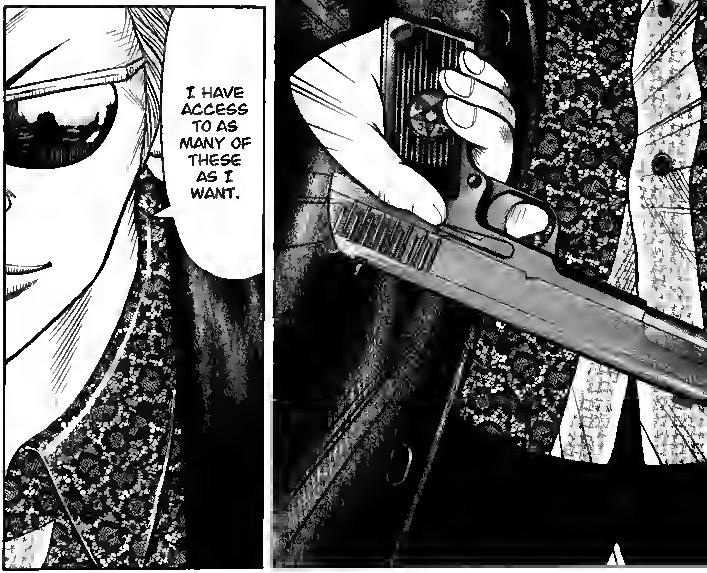
I HAVE ACCESS TO AS MANY OF THESE AS I WANT.

I'M DOING BUSINESS WITH A GANG MEMBER NAMED KITSUKAWA...
RYOU.

WHAT?
I'M NOT THE GUY I USED TO BE.
I HAVE NO INTENTION TO LIVE THAT KIND OF LIFE ANYMORE ...
WH--- WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING
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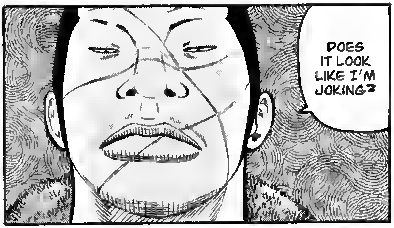
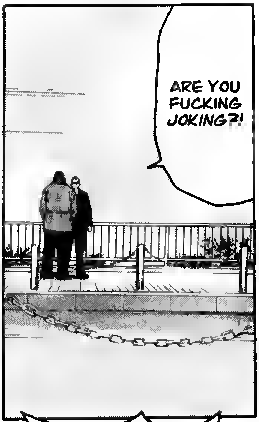
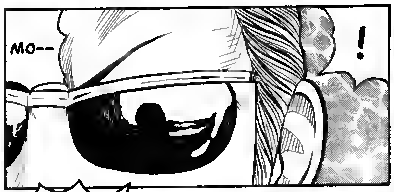

DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M JOKING?


ARE YOU FUCKING JOKING?!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I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU THIS WHOLE TIME!!
MOTHER-FUCKER! DID YOU LOSE YOUR BALLS OR GET RAPED INSIDE THAT REFORM SCHOOL OR SOMETHING?! YOU WERE BORN FOR THAT KIND OF VIOLENT LIFE!

IF YOU AND ME WERE RUNNING A GANG, NOTHING WOULD STAND IN OUR WAY! DON'T YOU GET THAT, KOTORI?! OPEN YOUR FUCKING EYES!
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HMPH!
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WHAT THE HELL'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!

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RYOU, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO OPEN HIS EYES...

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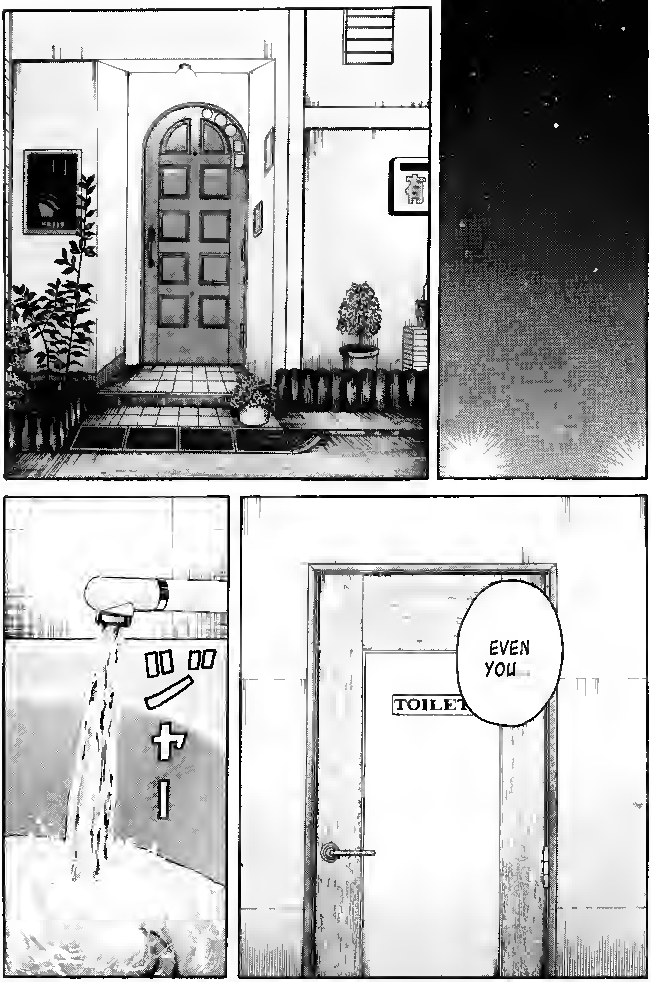
WH-- WHAT'S GOING ON...
HUH?
GIVE ME YOUR PEN.
YOU WANTED MY AUTO-GRAPH, DIDN'T YOU?


EVEN YOU
TOILET

EVEN YOU ENDED UP TURNING YOUR BACK ON ME, KOTORI

WHAT? HE JUST HIT HIM OUT OF THE BLUE?
AND WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR FOREHEAD?
YES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN...
THIS IS THE AUTOGRAPH I GOT FROM KOTOKI-SAN
...
KIN-JOU!

MI-HA-RA!
KA-WA-BE!
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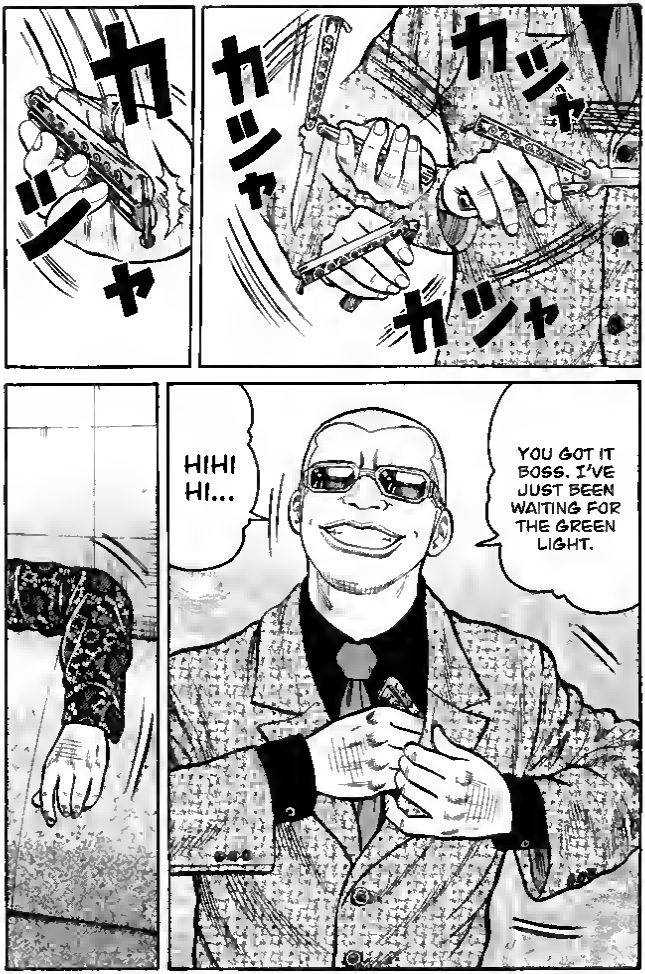
石田小隊
...
AND BE THOROUGH! I WANT HIM TO BE ASHAMED TO WALK OUTSIDE BY THE TIME YOU'RE DONE!
GET OUT THERE AND TAKE CARE OF ISHIDA KOTORI!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HIHI HI...
YOU GOT IT BOSS. I'VE JUST BEEN WAITING FOR THE GREEN LIGHT.

KOTORI... IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU REALLY ARE...
IN THAT CASE, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU REMEMBER THE REAL YOU, THE QP FROM BACK THEN!

WHAT WAS THAT?
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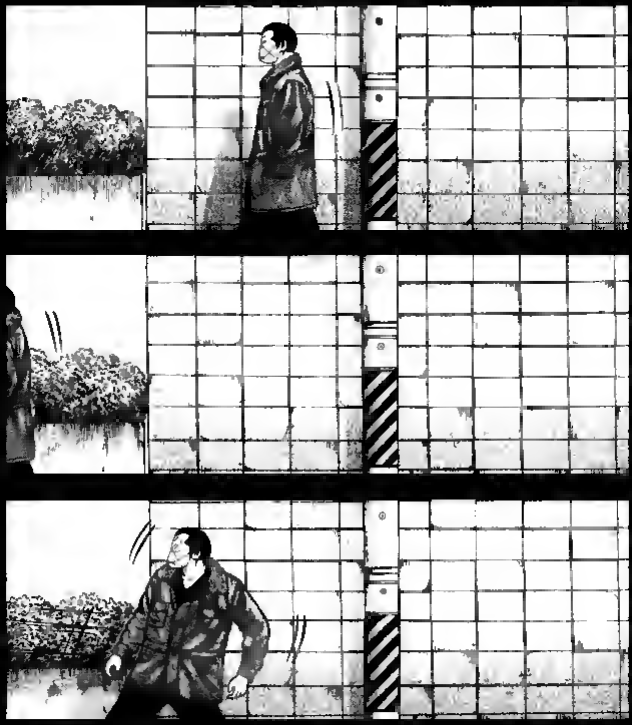
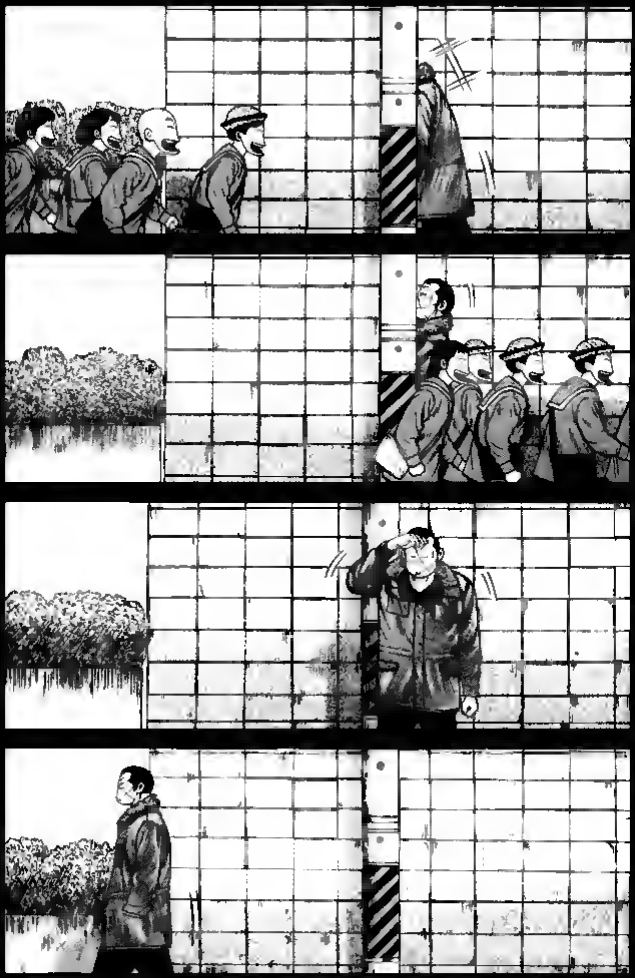
LIKE I SAID, TOMORROW'S FINALLY PAY DAY!
SO, LIKE,
AS A WELCOME PARTY FOR YOU, WE DECIDED WE'D ALL GO OUT DRINKING
A... A WELCOME PARTY... F--FOR ME...?

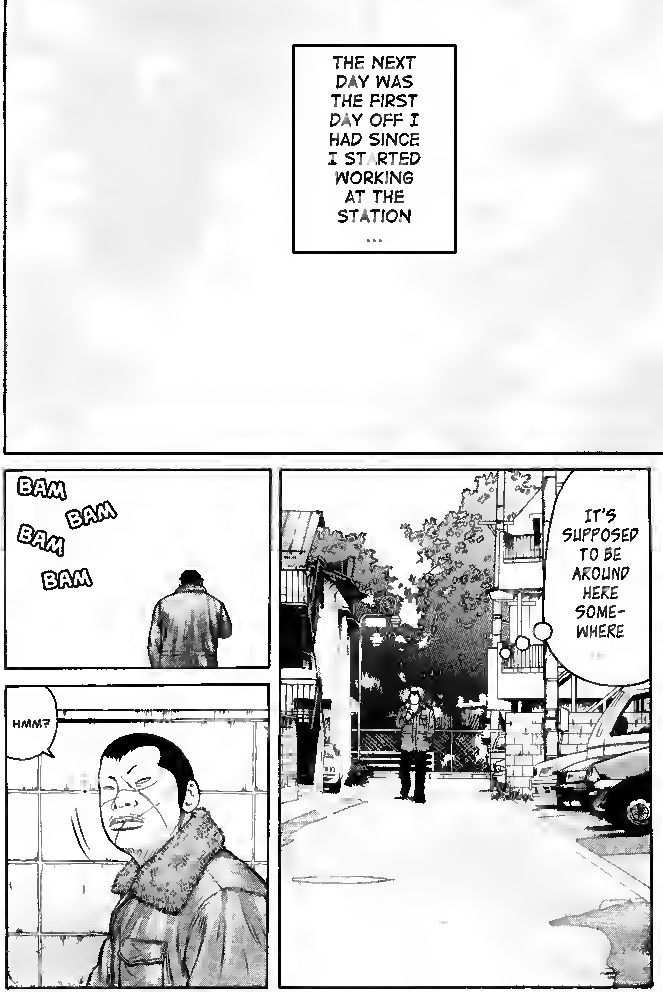
THE BOSS
KINGHI-ROU-SAN CAME UP WITH THE IDEA.
A WEL-COME PARTY FOR ME
HUH? BRO? WHAT'S WRONG?

...
I'VE NEVER BEEN WELCOMED ANYWHERE BY ANYONE ...
I--IT'S JUST
YEAH, I'LL BE THERE
BRO, YOU HAVE THE DAY OFF TOMORROW, DON'T YOU?
PLEASE COME TO THIS PLACE AT AROUND 9 O'CLOCK TOMORROW. HERE, I DREW YOU A MAP.
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE.
I'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE

CHAPTER 6: *HOLIDAY*






THE NEXT DAY WAS THE FIRST DAY OFF I HAD SINCE I ST RTED WORKING AT THE STATION ...
BAM BAM BAM BAM
HMM?
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE

AH!
HMM?
KOTORI, IT IS YOU!
KO-TORI ...?
KOU-ZOU!

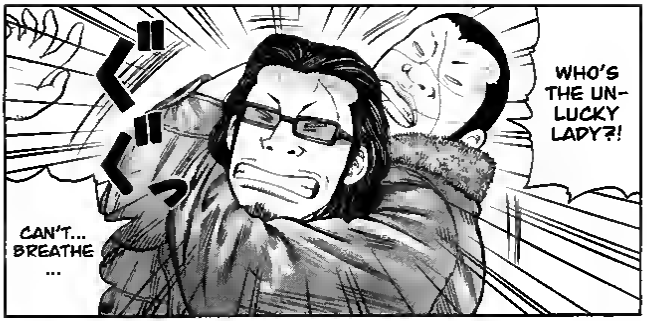
BWHAHAHA! OH MAN, HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? FEELS LIKE AGES, BUT YOU'RE AS UGLY AS EVER! HAHAHA!
HAHA. I'LL FUCKING MURDER YOU.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS?
WELL I'M A CARPENTER, OF COURSE, LIKE MY BROTHERS AND MY OLD MAN. FAMILY TRADE.

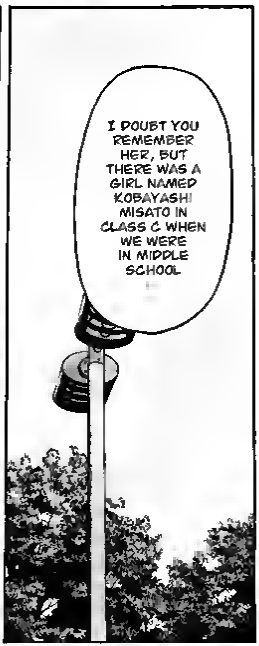
WH-- WHAT?!
AAAH!

HUH?

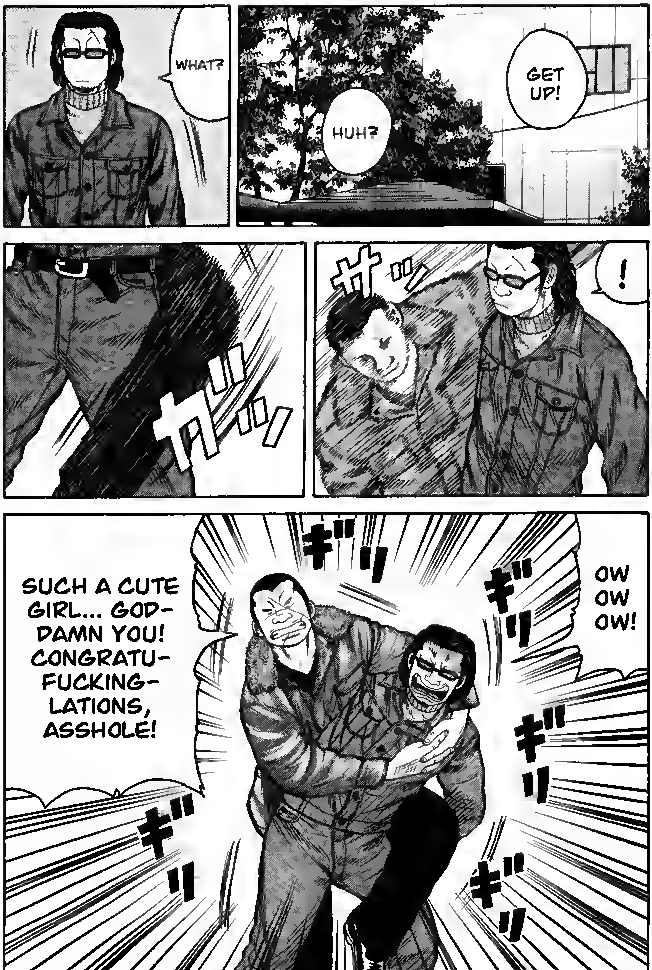
OH YEAH, YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD, BUT I GOT MARRIED LAST SUMMER!
JUST WHAT YOU THINK IT IS
WHAT'S THAT AROUND YOUR RING FINGER?!
MAR-RIED?!
A FA-THER?!
AND FEBRUARY LAST YEAR I BECAME A FATHER
DUDE, STOP TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHEN WE DID IT...
FEBRUARY LAST YEAR... 9 MONTHS, SO JANUARY, DECEMBER, NOVEMBER, OCTOBER...


WHO'S THE UN-LUCKY LADY?!
CAN'T... BREATHE ...

KOBAYASHI MISATO?! YOU MEAN THE KOBAYASHI MISATO WHO WENT TO HIMEKAWA ALL GIRLS HIGH AND WHO WORKS PART-TIME IN THE BOOKSTORE IN THE TRAIN STATION AND WHO ALWAYS WEARS STAR-SHAPED EARRINGS?!


I DOUBT YOU REMEMBER HER, BUT THERE WAS A GIRL NAMED KOBAYASHI MISATO IN CLASS C WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

OR MAYBE YOU DO REMEMBER HER


WHAT?
HUH?
GET UP!
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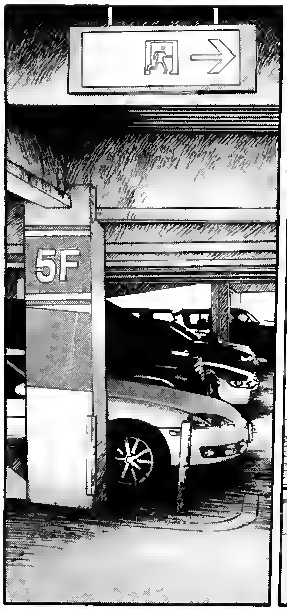
SUCH A CUTE GIRL... GOD-DAMN YOU! CONGRATU-FUCKING-LATIONS, ASSHOLE!
OW OW OW!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AND? YOU MAKE A PROFIT?
YES... 20% MORE THAN LAST MONTH.

I SUSPECTED AS MUCH...
NO...
SO, RYOU, HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND YET?
ABOUT BECOMING MY UNDERLING?
YOU'RE AN UNUSUAL GUY
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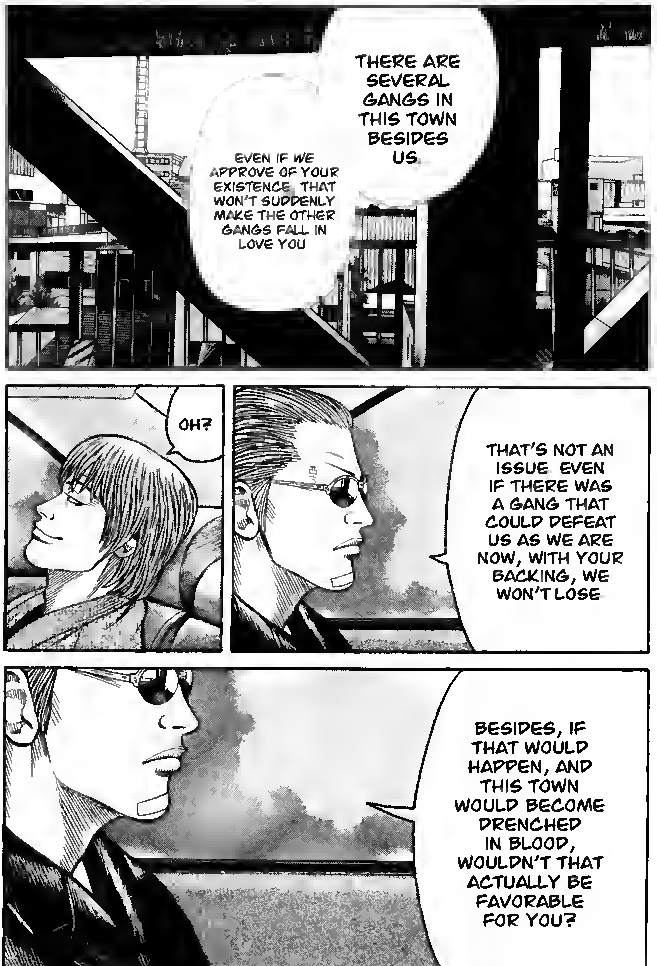
KITSU-KAWA-SAN, I DON'T PLAN ON BECOMING ANYONE'S UNDERLING OR EVER BEING IN ANY GANG'S POCKET.
I JUST WANT TO DO AS I PLEASE.
SO YOU'RE ASKING US TO JUST AP-PROVE OF YOUR ORGA-NIZATION?
YES.
HAHA... IT SOUNDS SO SILLY.
OF COURSE, THAT MEANS I WON'T PLEDGE MY LO-YALTY TO YOU.
THERE'S NO NEED BECAUSE WE DON'T INTEND TO CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE.


THERE ARE SEVERAL GANGS IN THIS TOWN BESIDES US
EVEN IF WE APPROVE OF YOUR EXISTENCE, THAT WON'T SUDDENLY MAKE THE OTHER GANGS FALL IN LOVE YOU
OH?
THAT'S NOT AN ISSUE EVEN IF THERE WAS A GANG THAT COULD DEFEAT US AS WE ARE NOW, WITH YOUR BACKING, WE WON'T LOSE
BESIDES, IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN, AND THIS TOWN WOULD BECOME DRENCHED IN BLOOD, WOULDN'T THAT ACTUALLY BE FAVORABLE FOR YOU?

I GOT IT, I GOT IT... I'LL BE SURE TO TELL THE GUYS UPSTAIRS
HAHA HA ..
PFFT
BUT FOR NOW, JUST HELP US OUT WITH OUR BUSINESS IT'S NOT A BAD DEAL FOR YOU EITHER, IS IT?
INDEED ...
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BY THE WAY, RYOU, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
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IT'S NOTHING ...
GET LOOKED DOWN ON ONCE, AND IN THIS WORLD, IT'S GAME OVER
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DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU
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COLLEGE GRADUATE OR NOT, ONE DAY I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE THE COCKROACH YOU ARE!
THAT LITTLE BITCH

OH YEAH, HOW'S TSUNE? HE DOING ALL RIGHT?
HMM, EVERY-ONE'S DOING WELL, HUH?
KO-TORI
...
YEAH. HE'S IN TOKYO RIGHT NOW, PLAYING IN A BAND. HE DROPPED BY LAST SUMMER.
HE'S REALLY INTO IT. BOTH OF HIS ARMS ARE COVERED IN INK.

...
YOU ACTUALLY CAME HERE TO ASK ABOUT RYOU, DIDN'T YOU?
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IT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME FOR A WHILE NOW, TOO.
BUT HE STILL MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN THAT WORLD. HE EVEN BECAME THE BOSS OF A GANG...
EVEN WHILE YOU WERE GONE, THE THREE OF US ALWAYS STUCK TO-GETHER...

HE PICKED AS MANY FIGHTS AS HE COULD...
EVEN TSUNE AND I WERE FINALLY STARTING TO GET FED UP WITH HIS ATTITUDE.
AND THEN, HE HAD A HUGE FIGHT WITH TSUNE...
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ぶっ殺してやる!
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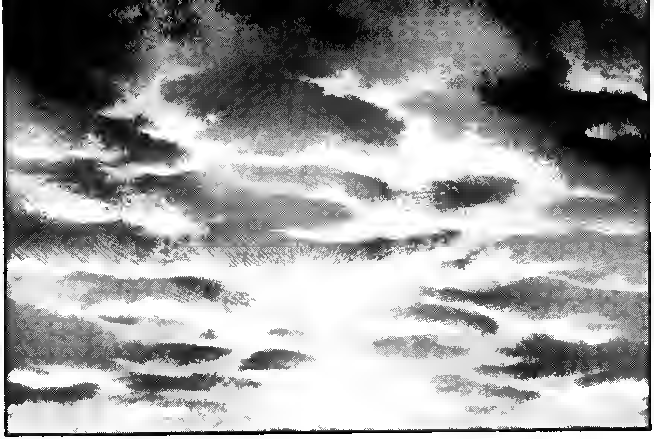
WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO HIM SINCE THEN.
Kouzou: Tsune, quit it!
Banchou: I'm lazy!
Tsune: Ryou, you asshole, you're fucking dead!
NOW ALL I HEAR ARE THE BAD RUMORS.



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BY THE WAY, KOTORI, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND, RIGHT? HOW ABOUT I INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF MY WIFE'S LADY FRIENDS SOMETIME? HAHAHA!

TELL TSUNE I SAID HI
SORRY TO DROP IN ON YOU LIKE THAT BYE

DON'T BE A STRANGER LET'S HAVE A DRINK SOMETIME
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I'M
COUNTING
ON YOU!
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"UNTIL KOTORI COMES BACK..." WAS HIS CATCHPHRASE BACK THEN... WITH YOU AS THE GANG'S BOSS AND ME AS THE UNDERBOSS... WE WERE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT IT BACK THEN ...
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LOOKS LIKE RYOU REALLY IS INVOLVED WITH THE YAKUZA... PRETTY DEEP, TOO ...
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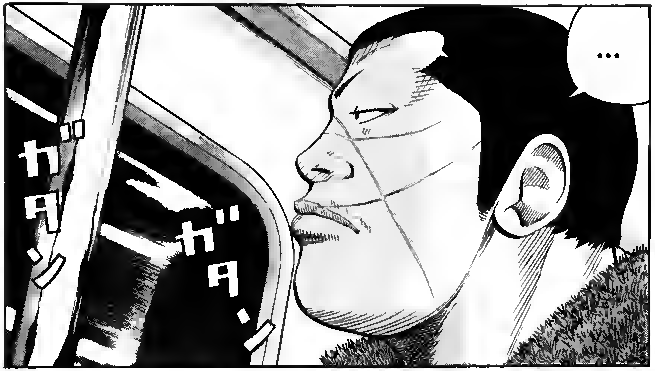
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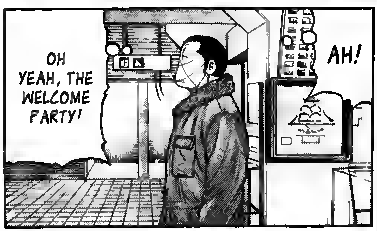
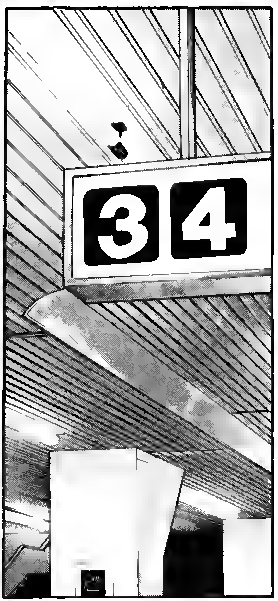

OH YEAH, THE WELCOME PARTY!
AH!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SUZUICHI
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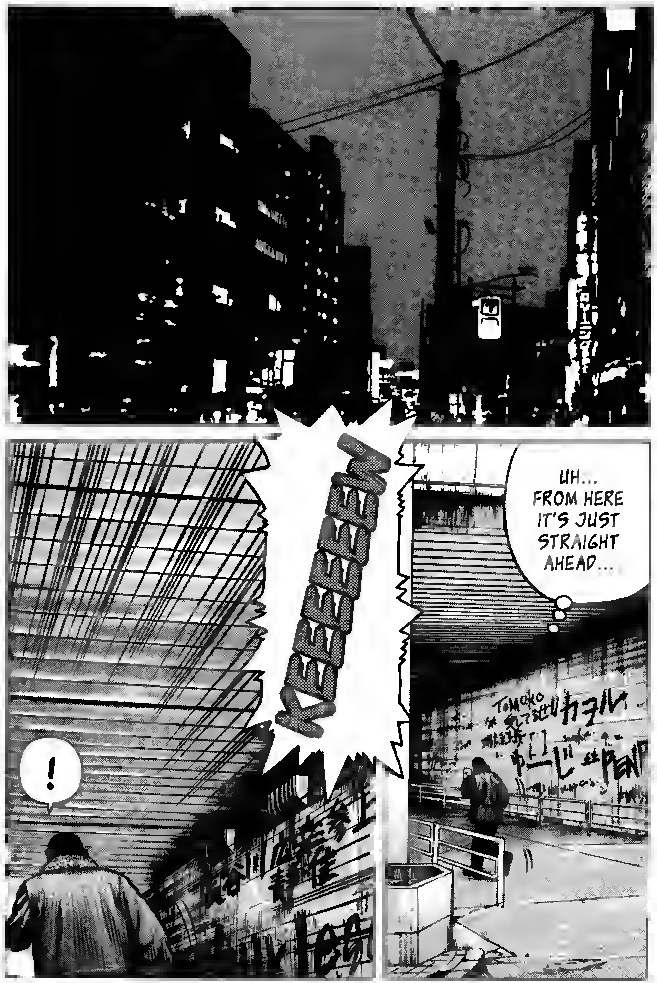
CRAP, IT'S ALREADY THAT LATE?!
百美市DOCKS


UH... FROM HERE IT'S JUST STRAIGHT AHEAD...
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TEEEEE...

GOOD EVENING!

TONIGHT
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YOU DIE!

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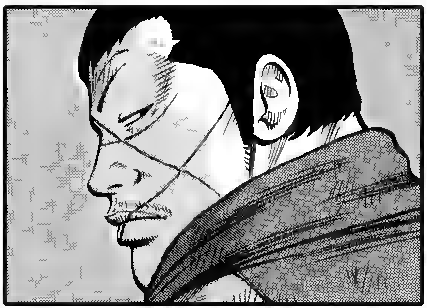

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おまけ
高橋組のおすすめCD

高橋組には現在300枚を越えるCDがある。どれもこれも一生モンの大切なCDなのだが，今回はその中でも，特によく聴く，大好きなCDを14枚だけ紹介しましょう。

ザ・ストリートビーツ「BEST MINDS」

ビーツと同じ時代に生まれた事をオレは心から感謝したいのだ。ビーツのアルバムはどれをとっても，完成度が高くすばらしいのである。中でも，このヘストアルバムは，その辺のテキトーなヘストとは訳が違う！とにかく「十代の衝動」を聴くべし!!

横道坊主「BReATHe」

横道坊主なくして，今のオレはないのだ。なんならオレは右肩に「横道坊主」とイレズミを入れてもいいと思ってるほどだぜ!!　横道のすべてのアルバムが，オレの一生の宝なのだ。オレにとって，なくてはならない，愛すべきバントなのさ。

ＡＲＢ「指を鳴らせ！」

オレが初めてＬＩＶＥというものを体験したのが，このＡＲＢなのだ。あの時の衝動は今でも忘れない。中でもこのアルバムが一番好きなのだ。ＡＲＢの時は，いつまでも心の中に残るのだ。

ザ・モッズ「CLOUD9」

崩れ落ちる前に」を初めて聴いてから，すでに16年。決して色あせる事のないモッズの曲は，いつまでもオレを刺激しつづけるのだ。「大丈夫，モッズがいるから」そう，モッズがいれば大丈夫なのだ!!

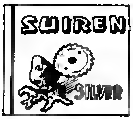
ザ・ブルーハーツ「ザ・ブルーハーツ」

このアルバムを初めて聴いた時は，なんか全身にデンキが走った感じがした。おそらくオレの持ってるCDの中でもっとも多く聴いている1枚でしょう。

ブランキー・ジェット・シティ「C.B.Jim」

ブランキーは，やっぱカッコイイ!!　中でもこの「ＣＢＪim」が好きなのだ!!

THIS IS THE AUTHOR RECOMMENDING SOME OF HIS FAVORITE ALBUMS. YOU DON'T CARE.



酔蓮「SILVER」

久しぶりにすげーいいバンドに会えたと思ったのが、このスイレン。メチャメチャいいぜ。おすすめします。

THE VISITOR「EXIT #9」

オレが世界で一番愛するトラマー、椿本"カッちゃん"勝之進アニキ率いる、ザ・ビジター！　ボーカルはそのアニキの実弟ヒデマロ！　そして、プロデュースを横道の義人アニキという強力な1枚！　カッコいいぜ!!

真島昌利「RAW LIFE」

マーシーのソロアルバムの中でも、このRAW LIFEは最高傑作だと思う。これからも聴き続けるであろう大切な1枚である。

ミッシェル・ガン・エレファント「ギア・ブルーズ」

とにかくカッコいい。

MR.CHILDREN「BOLERO」

ミスチルの詩が好きなのだ。特に、この1枚はよく聴いている…

桑田佳祐「孤独の太陽」

これは、いいアルバムなのだ。オレはサザンは好きじゃないんだけど、このソロアルバムは別。

三代目魚武濱田成夫「歌」

このCDもよく聴いている。「アルバイト」と「夜景」という詩が中でも特に好きなのだ。

ゆず「ゆず一家」

なんか、いいんだよな、ゆずって。いつの間にかロずさんでる。そんな1枚…。

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